

The Listening Post

Meeting

The May meeting of the Queen City Emergency Net will take place on Thursday, May 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207. The program will be a talk about the ARRL, presented by Scott Yonally, N8SY, Great Lakes Division Director. For those who can't attend in person, there will be a Zoom link.

The Flying Pig is done and the next event in May -Hamvention—is getting closer. QCEN members and many other hams did an outstanding job during the run. Some 38,000 people participated in the events of the three-day weekend, and around 5,000 runners took part in the actual marathon. Instead of rain, the heat and humidity were the main obstacles runners faced this year. Hams did a great job of getting help to those who needed it.

Hamvention should be a great time for any hams who attend. Our newer members can browse the many exhibits and come away with a new understanding of just how much there is to do in ham radio. They may also come away with some strategic purchases to help them in their radio work. All of us should find something of value, either in ideas or hardware.

Don't forget that the ARRL annual convention takes place at Hamvention this year. Be sure to stop by the ARRL booth and meet some of the people responsible for the organization. You can find out more about what the organization does for hams, and how you can participate.

Other events during the summer include Field Day in June, and the annual QCEN picnic in July.

Be aware of the new hams on the repeater, and do what you can to help them enjoy the hobby.



Coming Events:

- May 17, 18, & 19 Hamvention
- June 13 QCEN Meeting
- June 22-23 Field Day
- July ?? QCEN Picnic
- July 20 & 21 MS Bike

FROM THE DESK OF

Scott Tengen

April 17, 2024

One may never know the value of ham radio unless you take it with you and are ready in case of an emergency.

In a recent edition of Newsline the adventure of a new ham and having his G90 saved his family when they got stuck in [death valley](#). Making contacts on 20 meters he was able to get hams from around the country to summon help.

He got his 20 meter antenna working, and to top it off had the smarts to call on the POTA frequencies for help. What a great story of how the radio saved the day!

Our scout kit is radio, carry it, monitor, and have fun activating in a non-emergency so you can help when the need arises.

Share your story of a portable adventure, even if it did not save your "bacon".

Our skills will be tested soon with the Flying Pig and other exercises we [do](#) as QCEN.

Great to have you [all](#) part of the club!

Scott Tengen / W8GXR

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HamVention is HERE!

By Bob Cross, W8NFM

The time has arrived.

In just a few days (May 17th through the 19th, for those of you who live under a rock) the HamVention will take place in Xenia, Ohio. Our “talk around” simplex frequency will be 147.420 MHz, 123.0 tone

For those new to amateur radio - welcome! This is the biggest such gathering in the world, and is YOUR opportunity to experience the following:



- See the latest communications equipment on the market - and prototypes for the future;
- Talk with the manufacturers to better understand the radio you already have;
- Close-up examination of a variety of accessories you didn't know you need;
- Hear from a variety of speakers on wide-ranging topics;
- Meet and greet amateur radio operators from around the world;
- Purchase new and used equipment from dealers and flea market vendors;

Ask ANY questions you wish; you will (almost)* never hear someone say: “That’s a stupid question!” *My stupid question was: “How many sandwiches will that big pork shop make?” Answer: “One.”

QCEN will have a booth in the Flea Market oval; spaces 7543 through 7545, on Friday and Saturday ONLY. For this, we need your help on two counts: any equipment you might wish to sell, and an hour of your time to help staff the booth - no previous experience necessary.

On the equipment side: anything amateur, radio, or electronic related items - or something unusual. We sold a WWII era field typewriter one year; other odds and ends have been sold as well. For staffing the booth: we will have some early arrivals helping out, but if you get there before 0900, someone can escort you in ahead of time to help set things up. We will have two large canopies, multiple tables, and a lot of gear to put in

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place. We can also use help during tear-down between 4 and 5pm each day.



If you want us to sell anything on your behalf (or for someone else), please bring it to our May meeting; if you are unable to do so, contact Bob, W8NFM at w8nfmusa@gmail.com (preferred) or via telephone/text at 513-550-1889 to make arrangements for equipment transfer. To help pay for our booth spaces (which cost us \$175.00) we charge 10% for the first \$300.00 for each item sold (i.e. item sells for \$20.00, QCEN keeps \$2.00; item sells for \$300.00 or more, QCEN fee maxes out at \$30.00) Once the \$175.00 booth spaces are covered, the rest goes into QCEN operations to

help us maintain and improve our equipment. In the last 15 years, we have NEVER lost money - so help keep that streak alive!

Special note: tickets are \$30.00 at the door; however, there will be at least four \$26.00 tickets for sale at the May meeting. As a final reminder: if you purchase something at the HamVention, but don't feel like dragging it around all day, we can hold the items at our flea market booth. Make your plans now to attend!

Contest Corner

By Bob Cross, W8NFM

Not many "significant" contests in May; June, however, has Field Day.

QCEN will be participating in Field Day again this year from W8VVL. Details and sign-ups to follow after the HamVention (one must have their priorities straight.) We encourage all of our members - especially the newly licensed ones - to come out and get on the air. As in the past, we WILL make certain you get air time - and if you really want to have fun, work the overnight; things get a bit crazy, but the contacts pile up.

Here are a few of the contests over the next few weeks (and WHY does Arkansas hold their QSO party during HamVention? Please try to work a few of them if you have time.)

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| 05/18-05/19 | Arkansas QSO Party | CW Ph Dig | www.arkqp.com |
| 05/25-05/26 | CW WW WPX Contest | CW | www.cqwp.com |
| 06/01-06/02 | Kentucky QSO Party | CW Ph Dig | www.kyqsoparty.org/rules |
| 06/15-06/16 | West Virginia QSO Party | CW Ph Dig | www.qsl.net/wvarc |
| 06/22-06/23 | ARRL Field Day | CW Ph Dig | www.arrl.org.field-day |

An Artist in our Midst

By Tom Delaney, W8WTD

All of us hams do other things and have other talents than just our ability to talk on, and work on radios. One of our members is a fiber artist, that is, she takes fiber and makes it into a variety of cloth and designs. She is none other than Pat Maley, KD8PAT.



Pat, KD8PAT

YOU ARE INVITED
TO A RETROSPECTIVE
SHOWING OF THE
WORK OF ARTIST PAT
MALEY KD8PAT

A reception and artist's talk will be held Sunday, June 2, from 2-4 PM at the Weavers Guild of Greater Cincinnati, 4870 Gray Rd, Cin. OH 45232 (across Gray Rd from Spring Grove Cemetery).

Pat has been licensed for about twenty years. She has been a member of QCEN for most of that time, and additionally is a member of the local ARES group, for which she now coordinates their monthly net on the 146.67 repeater.

When asked about her work with the Weaver's Guild of Cincinnati, she responded that she is a teacher. She teaches how to spin yarn. And for her work, she knits, does crochet, embroidery, stitchery (including *sashiko*, a Japanese form) and just about any other form of working in yarn and fiber. She has coordinated demos for the Guild, including events like the Appalachian Festival, and exhibitions at various Kentucky parks.

Pat noted that just as some amateurs end up collecting radios, she collects wheels (the spinner type.)

She has about fifty pieces of art in the exhibit for June. If you know Pat, it would be a great treat to attend and view some of her work. And if you don't know her, it would be a great time to meet a fellow ham radio operator who also does such interesting work apart from radio.



QCEN Meeting April 11, 2024

Called to order at 7:35pm, Pledge to the flag, self-introduction. Pres. Scott W8GXR welcomed all at Red Cross & on Zoom.

W1SCR/SK Jerry Shipp memorial 4-20-24, he was a good ham, Friend to QCEN & OHKYIN, he will be missed by us all.

Vice Pres. Em , N8MCR-- May meeting will have N8SY on zoom. Scott is ARRL Great Lakes Div Director, will talk about ARRL.

Program - Slow Scan TV - Cesi D., KD8OOB - It started in the 1950's and later used by NASA on Moon landing missions, it is much better and easier now. There are phone apps. & several modes, can be on any Amateur Radio band (80m-70cm).

OHKYIN has SSTV Net Mondays at 9pm on 146.670 Repeater.

Cesi set-up a simplex 2m demo station & some good Q & A.

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- Secretary's report of March meeting accepted as in L.P. on website.
 - Treasurer report W8NFM - Bills are paid and member dues received.
 - Comm. Mgr. Steve N8TFD , Flying Pig Marathon is May 4 th &5th
 - Education - Tom D. - several new tech, gen, extra from 4-6-24 exams.

HamVention - May 17 & 18, W8NFM, Flea Market spaces 7543-7545. We will be selling on Friday and Saturday at HamVention. If you have items to sell or can help at flea market: w8nfm@arrl.net

W8VVL - some antennas need checked, jumper some cables to radio room.

Club Insurance to be reviewed by Pres. & Tom D. asap.

ARRL Field Day - June 22 & 23 to be at W8VVL, Bob B., W8NFM.

NVIS Day - at W8VND site 10am - 1pm , W8MRG, test\ radio & antenna.

Adjourned 9:15pm, we had 21 people attend at the meeting & on Zoom.

Next Meeting: Thursday May 9th -- 7:30pm at Red Cross & on Zoom.

Q.C.E.N. Secretary
Robert Blocher, N8JMV

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| <p>QCEN MEMBER DUES DUE IN JANUARY EACH YEAR WWW.QCEN.ORG , go to Membership to pay thru Paypal or at any club meeting or by mail to club treasurer.</p> |
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