

The Listening Post

It's Time for a Picnic

By Tom Delaney, W8WTD

It's July once again, and it's picnic time. Following our tradition, we will hold a picnic rather than a regular meeting in July. That's scheduled for this weekend, on Saturday, July 13th at



Sellman Park in Madeira. If you haven't responded to the survey, please do, so we can get a count of the number of people coming, and provide food for everyone.

Our two events in June proved successful. There's been a good deal of positive

feedback for the antenna-building session held at the June meeting. A number of antennas got built, and people have commented that they are happy with the results. Better signals on the air. Plus, several people got hands-on experience with things like soldering and the use of other tools. Ham radio is about experimenting, and we got to do that.

Field Day was also a success. You can read about the contacts made and the operators who made them elsewhere in this issue. The bands were a bit flaky, but overall the club made a good number of contacts, and newer members experienced an HF contest.

Before the summer is over, there will be more opportunities for operating. The MS Bike ride is also this month. Communicating for that event puts our skills to good use, and helps us keep prepared for any challenges that might come our way as a club.

In August, we'll have the Ohio QSO party, which we may want to operate out of the W8VND Field Station, giving that station a workout and providing members with the opportunity to stay

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Coming Events:

- July 13 QCEN Picnic
- July 20 & 21 MS Bike
- Aug. 24 Ohio QSO Party
- Sept 7 Ohio Parks on the Air
- Sept 12 QCEN Meeting

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familiar with its capabilities.



A week before our September meeting, the Ohio Parks on the Air contest will take place. Again, another opportunity for club participation in an operating event that should be a lot of fun.

Also starting in September will be our license classes co-sponsored with OHKYIN. Details are not set, but for those of you looking to upgrade, that will be an opportunity for you. And if you know of anyone who wants to get into ham radio, we'll again have preparation for the Tech license.

W8VVL's Contest Summary Report for ARRL-FD
Created by N3FJP's ARRL Field Day Contest Log
Version 6.6.8 www.n3fjp.com

Total Contacts = 764 Total Points = 1,075

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total %	
80	0	186	186	24	
40	76	208	313	41	
20	0	36	232	30	
15	6	20	26	3	
10	0	1	5	1	
6	0	2	2	0	
Total	82	453	229	764	100

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Total Contacts by Operator:

<i>Operator</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>%</i>
W8NFM	172	23
KE8KLC	136	18
K8FR	87	11
W8ANC	78	10
W8SCI	78	10
W8TDA	71	9
W8MRG	55	7
N8JMV	33	4
N8TFD	25	3
N8MCR	23	3
KF8AUW	2	0
WE8M	2	0
KD8WKS	1	0
KE8WVA	1	0

Total = 14



Fred, K8FR, and Em, N8MCR, operating digital at Field Day

Antenna Building

The June meeting featured a hands-on effort to build three different VHF antennas: an omni-directional ground plane antenna, a roll-up JPole, and a Fox Hunting beam.



One group hard at work on their J-Pole antennas. Michael, KE8PLM, and Tom, W8WTD, instructing.

Dan, KF8AVJ, and Rosemary, KE8WYJ, building a beam under the supervision of Dick, WB4SUV.



Em, N8MCR, learns to solder with the help of Stephen, KE8TEY.



Don, KE8WYK, and Don, KE8YDX, working on the ground plane, with Bob, W8MRG, in the background preparing materials.

Bob, WA6EZV, watching as Rosemary and Dan work on their beam. Dick, WB8SUV is looking on.



Lots of activity at this table. Pat, KD8PAT is standing, Debbie, KF8AUU, and Kim, KF8AUW are working on their JPole antennas, as is Francis, N8PEE, in the foreground. Tom, W8WTD, is at the table helping, and Scott, W8GXR and Dustin, KF8ACW, are in the background.

Thanks to Jim, KB8UCJ, for the photos!

QCEN Meeting June 13, 2024

Antenna Building Project - 6:30pm , 13 people built antennas. They made 2-M j-pole, 2-M ground plane, & 2-M Beam. There were several teaching & testing the antennas.

Called to order at 8:20pm, Pledge to the flag, self-introduction. Pres. W8GXR Scott welcomed all at Red Cross & on Zoom..

- Secretary's report of May meeting accepted as in L.P. on website.
- Vice-Pres. 'Em' did a fine job with the antenna build tonight.
- Treasurer report W8NFM - Bills are paid & member dues received.

New member: KF8AUU Debbie S. is Tech & made a 2-M J-Pole.

- Comm. Mgr. Steve N8TFD, Bike MS - JULY 20 & 21 At Miami U., Oxford, Oh., Volunteer help is needed.

QCEN Picnic to be July 13th at Sellman Park, Madeira, Ohio. N8PEE will get & cook great food, budget of \$200.00 Those attending are asked to bring something to share.

If you have not done the survey email N8TFD@fuse.net -- ASAP.

ARRL Field Day - June 22 & 23 to be at W8VVL, Red Cross. Bob B., W8NFM will have food and drinks, budget \$150.00

Adjourned 8:45pm, we had 25 people at the meeting & on Zoom.

Next Meeting: QCEN Picnic - July 13 Noon-5:00pm at Sellman Park. ** Yearly reminder: We do not have a meeting in August.

Next regular meeting at Red Cross is Thursday September 12 at 7:30pm.

73;
Q.C.E.N. Secretary
Robert Blocher, N8JMV

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