

# The Listening Post

## June Meeting

School's out! Well, that may be more applicable to our kids and grandkids than for most of us, but summer is here—maybe. Hard to tell, with all the rain and cool and cloudy weather.

Still, summer activities are next on the list for QCEN. Anyone going to take an HF rig on vacation with them? If you're not working Field Day at W8VVL, maybe you're going to go into the field?

Steve, N8TFD, has arranged the date for the club picnic, and that should be a fun outdoor time. Be sure to make plans to attend with family in July. Also in July is the BikeMS. Steve is looking for volunteers for that event as well.

The monthly club meeting will take place on Thursday evening, June 12th, at the usual time —7:30 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207. Guests are welcome. Come and meet some of the club members, and find out more about ham radio, or meet some people who can help you with projects in ham radio you may be interested in. We offer a Zoom component as well. Members will see the information in their email, and guests can get the details from any club officer.

Our **program** will be on antennas. Stephen, KE8TEY, will be the presenter. He tells us: "We will discuss the history of antennas and some of the theory. Then we will do some practical analysis of a real antenna and have some fun understanding how it is both an art and a science. We look forward to discussing with all of you the radiated light you cannot see."



## Coming Events:

**June 12th QCEN Meeting**

**June 28 & 29**

**ARRL Field Day**

**July 12th QCEN Picnic**

**July 12th & 13th IARU**

**HF World**

**Championship**

**July 19th & 20th Bike MS**

**August 2nd Paddlefest**

## **Contest Corner**

*By Bob Bross, W8NFM*

Hopefully you had an opportunity to work some contests this past month - especially the Museum Ships weekend. The next few weeks will have several major opportunities - including the IARU HF World Championship, 13 Colonies Contest - and of course, Field Day (QCEN plans for Field Day elsewhere in this newsletter.)

06/21-06/22	West Virginia QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/wvqp/">www.qsl.net/wvqp/</a>
06/28-06/29	ARRL Field Day	CW Ph Dig	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/field-day">www.arrl.org/field-day</a>
07/01-07/07	13 Colonies Contest	CW Ph Dig	<a href="http://www.13colonies.us">www.13colonies.us</a>
07/12-07/13	IARU HF World Championship	CW Ph	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championshipd">www.arrl.org/iaru-hf-world-championshipd</a>

These are the “big” contact events; however, there are many “smaller” ones going on. Please take the time to visit [www.contestcalendar.com](http://www.contestcalendar.com) and see what might pique your individual interest(s).

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## **Thank You to ALL Who Participated in Hamvention 2025**

*- by Bob Bross, W8NFM*

From those who worked our Flea Market booth to those who provided equipment to sell - we appreciate everyone who was involved in some way, big or small.



We did make a profit again this year; that is always a goal, but we are also able to provide both an opportunity for others to sell items as well as a “staging and gathering” place for QCEN and friends.

There were numerous people who helped - in the booth and behind the scenes. The list is long, so we will not attempt to list them all; however, special thanks go out to Scott, W8GXR for the use of his trailer (and transportation of it as well.) The size of it enabled us to haul AND store everything for two days and could have also been used as a weather shelter (surprisingly, we did NOT have any rain this year!)

Sales details will be available at our June meeting.

## **Field Day 2025 at W8VVL - June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

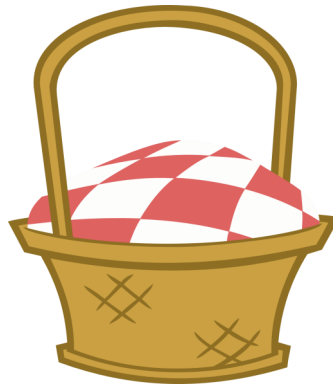
*By Bob Bross, W8NFM*

QCEN will once again be conducting Field Day operations from the Red Cross building at 2111 Dana Avenue. Antenna and equipment setup will begin on Saturday at 1100, with on-air communications starting at 1400 Saturday through 1400 Sunday.

This is your opportunity to hone your skills and demonstrate the capabilities of Amateur Radio in case of emergency situations. There will be at least three HF stations on the air, using a combination of voice, CW and digital - in addition to 6 meters and above at a fourth station.

You WILL get airtime - we will try and have you on the air as long as you wish. Experienced operators will be on hand to assist with the equipment. If you have no HF experience, you WILL have it by the end of this event! A sign-up sheet will “start” at our meeting this week and then distributed via email. You can work just an hour, or stay as long as you wish.

Drinks will be provided by QCEN, along with several food staples. We ask that you bring something to share with the group (we have refrigerator, microwave and oven capabilities on site as well. For questions or to sign up, contact Bob, W8NFM at [w8nfmusa@gmail.com](mailto:w8nfmusa@gmail.com) MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW!



### **Silent Key, N8WBP**

As most QCEN members know, Bruce, N8WBP, passed away last month. Bruce first came to QCEN in 2023, taking classes for his Tech License. In each session after that, he progressed from Tech to General to Extra, and most recently qualified as a VE (volunteer examiner.) He joined both QCEN and OHKYIN and was active in both clubs. Here is his obituary:

*Dr. Wm. Bruce Peirano, born on May 29, 1951, passed away on May 24, 2025, at the age of 73. Bruce was the loving husband of Suellen Peirano and was preceded in death by his parents, William Thomas Peirano and Georgia Mae Peirano.*

*Bruce graduated from Norwood High School and received a B.S and Master's Degree from the University of Cincinnati. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in environmental health from the U.C. College of Medicine and completed 36 years of distinguished service at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Cincinnati, Ohio. No services are planned.*

## QCEN Meeting May 8, 2025

Called to order at 7:30pm, with Pledge to the Flag and self-introductions, Pres. Em N8MCR ... welcomed all at Red Cross and those on Zoom

New Member: Jim P., WY8K was introduced and voted in as member.

**Program:** Paul F., KB8ANY - Crystal Radio - as simple as it gets to receive signals, basic old time do it yourself, showed demo kits he built.

- Museum Ships On The Air to be June 6 & 7, have fun on HF.
- Secretary Report of April meeting is accepted as in L.P. online.
- Treasurer Report - Bob B. - Bills are paid, Insurance due in June.
- Comm. Mgr. Steve L., N8TFD - Bike MS is July 19 & 20 help needed.
- QCEN Picnic to be July 12th at Selman Park in Madeira - more soon.
- Tuesday Net Control Ops. Are needed and Standby Net Control Ops.
- Mentoring on ZOOM is the last Tuesday each month.

Pres showed several pictures from World Amateur Day at Museum Center. A big thank you to all helpers there inside and outside, people loved it.

W8VND site Shed check and other work date to be May 31 at 1pm.

HAMVENTION - May 16 & 17 - flea market space Friday & Saturday. New spaces 7814,15,16 anything to sell contact W8NFM@ARRL.NET

ARRL Field Day June 28 & 29 to be at W8VVL Radio room at Red Cross.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm, we had 21 people.

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

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

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