

The Listening Post

September Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of QCEN will take place on Thursday, September 11th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207. Guests are welcome. The meeting will be on Zoom for those who can't attend in person.

This month's **program** is described by Vice President Jim, KB8UCJ: "During our meeting together, we will have hands-on assistance with radio programming, both mobile, portable, scanners, and or hotspots via PC or by hand. The theme will be a "Radio Programming Night." Please plan on bringing radios, laptops, programming cables, etc. with the goal of sharing radio programming knowledge with each other and helping each other gain hands on experience. Are you super comfortable programming radios already? Great! Please come and share your knowledge with others. Are you totally lost trying to program your HT? Bring it with you and see if someone can help you! You may also need assistance with cabling or wiring, so bring those items as well. It would be up to the individuals to each bring their supplies and equipment as needed parts as such, but we could help with the hands-on in the repair/making of the necessary projects."

If you have a particular radio you would like help with, it would be good, but not necessary, to indicate that in advance to Jim, so we can be sure that we have the needed information about that piece of equipment.

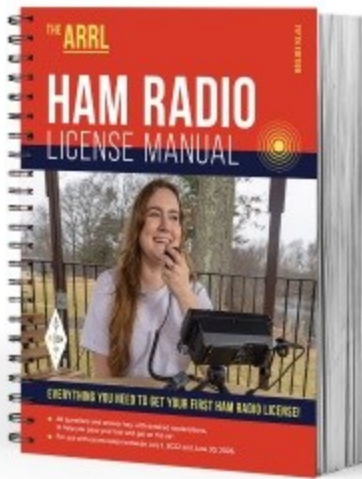
As part of the regular business section of the meeting, reviews of the Shed project, the QSO parties, and the picnic will be discussed, as well as upcoming events for QCEN for the rest of the year.

Let's have a good turnout for the September meeting!



Coming Events:

Sept. 11 QCEN Meeting
Oct 4 ARRL SET
Oct 8-12 River Roots
Festival
Oct 9 QCEN Meeting
Oct 11 Queen Bee
Oct 17-19 Scouts Jamboree
on the Air
Oct 20-24 ARRL School
Club Roundup
Oct 25 & 26 CQWW DX
Contest —SSB



Fall Classes in Ham Radio

QCEN and OHKYIN are pleased to announce the schedule for classes in Ham Radio starting in mid-September 2025. We will be offering a six-week, in person course leading to the entry-level, or Technician class license.

Classes will be held Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. starting on September 20 and continuing through October 25th. Location will be the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207.

There is no cost for the class. Participants will be responsible for their own instruction materials. The instructors will be working from the Ham Radio License Manual, Fifth Edition, from the American Radio Relay League. Books are available from ARRL (www.arrl.com), or from many booksellers on line or in store.

Those interested are encouraged to sign up through email at hamtutor@ohkyin.org.

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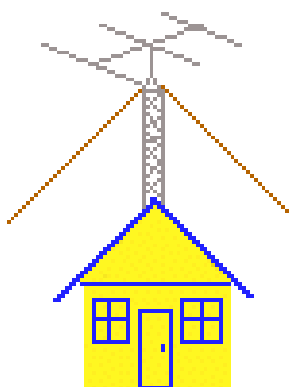
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CONTEST CORNER

By Bob Bross, W8NFM

Summer is almost over, and now is the time we “button down” our outdoor antenna systems to settle in for Fall/Winter U.S. and DX contesting. What’s ahead? Here are a few contests worth noting:

09/07-09/08	Tennessee QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	www.tnqp.org
09/13-09/14	German WAE QSO Party	Ph	www.darc.de
09/20-09/21	Scandinavian CW Contest	CW	www.sactest.net
09/20-09/21	New Jersey QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	www.k2td-bcrc.org
09/20-09/21	Texas QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	www.txqp.net
09/20-09/21	Iowa QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	www.w0yl.com
09/20-09/21	New Hampshire QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	www.w1wqm.org
09/27-09/28	Maine QSO Party	CW Ph	www.ws1sm.com
10/04-10/05	Worked all China CW Contest	CW	www.mulandxc.com
10/04-10/05	Oceania DX Contest Phone	PH	www.oceaniadxcont
10/04-10/05	California QSO Party	CW Ph	www.cqp.org

Special note on the Oceania contest: last year, everyone was focusing on a number of “obscure” islands in the middle of the Pacific. While searching the bands (I think 15) I heard a Japan station repeatedly calling CQ - with zero replies. I answered, and we conversed for several minutes. The operator told me he and his friends were getting frustrated as no one was answering them - when I announced my offer to serve as a U.S. pile-up for Japan. He laughed, and spread the word; I worked 15 Japan stations in less than 10 minutes. Sometimes you need to MAKE an opportunity happen.

Shed Repair



The mess, caused by the fallen tree.



Starting the work



New beams





New plywood



Tin Roofing

There's more to do, specifically inside, but we've made great progress so far. Watch for announcements about further work times, so we can finish it before the first snowfall.

QCEN Picnic July 12, 2025

Club Picnic

Everyone arrived about 1:00pm. Meeting call to order by Vice Pres Jim C., KB8UCJ
Pledge to the Flag and self-introductions

Discussed shed renovation and repair, Don M., KE8WYK gave a report on material
needed and cost of approx. \$900. Motion made and passed to budget \$1000. for the
project. Motion amended to do demo first then buy material as needed.

Secretary report of June meeting accepted as listed in L.P. online.

Treasurer reported all current bills are paid.

Meeting adjourned. We had 30 people present.

Time for lots of good food to be had by all and socializing.

Thanks to Francis N8PEE for cooking the great meats and salmon.

It was a nice day in the park with a little rain. All gone by 3:15pm

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Q.C.E.N. Secretary

Robert Blocher, N8JMV

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WWW.QCEN.ORG , go to Membership to pay thru Paypal
or at any club meeting or by mail to club treasurer.