

The Listening Post

October Meeting

The October 2025 meeting of the Queen City Emergency Net will take place on Thursday, October 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207. Members and guests are invited to attend.

As usual, the meeting will be available on Zoom for those who can't attend in person. Members will see the invite in their email. Any guests wishing to participate in the Zoom session should contact a club officer for the information.

Events and activities will be discussed during the business portion of the meeting. The club has had a number of projects going on over the past few months, and some progress reports will be made. Since the Queen Bee Half-Marathon is taking place on Saturday, October 11th, last-minute details can be arranged with the Communications Manager, Steve, N8TFD, who is coordinating the event.

The program for the meeting will be on the technique of using the cross band repeat function available on many newer mobile rigs. See page 2 for more details. Our club members Stephen, KE8TEY, and Michael, KE8PLM, will be the presenters.

Activities usually wind down a bit toward the end of the year, but Jim, KB8UCJ, has a request for communicators on Thanksgiving Day morning. Also of note, the ARRL School Club Roundup takes place later this month. The radio club at Dixie Heights High School has been very active over the last few years, and have placed very well in that contest. We could think about supporting them by making contact with them. They're usually easy to find during the mid-afternoon the week of the contest.

Come and join your fellow hams for this informative meeting.



Coming Events:

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**

Cross-Band Repeating



Please come and attend the program meeting on October 9th 2025 at the Red Cross. We will be discussing and demonstrating Cross Band Repeat Theory and Practice.

If you have a hand held that can transmit DCS Tones on 70 CM then bring it to the October 9th meeting. Please program your HT as follows. We will attempt to talk from inside the building thru the VND Repeater to all of Cincinnati

High power will be used for talking to a car outside the Red Cross building or low power on a different frequency (440.875) Inside the building,

Simplex 445.875 DCS Tone 25 FM Narrow 12.5kHz.

Community Event

By Jim Craycroft, KB8UCJ

The Price Hill Civic Club has requested QCEN to be part of the Thanksgiving Day Parade Thursday November 27th 8am-10am to line up the floats at Western Hill High School.

We need six members for this event. Please contact me to reserve a spot to assist this community provide for this great event.

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Ham Radio Operator W8GXR Goes Stealth in the Sunshine State with DIY Antenna Setup

Florida — October 2025

Scott Tengen, known on the airwaves as W8GXR, is back in Florida for another round of radio adventures, armed with his trusty Yaesu FT-710 and a new stealthy antenna setup designed to dodge the ever-watchful eyes of HOA enforcers.



This time, Scott has deployed a 66-foot Off-Center Fed (OCF) dipole antenna, cleverly camouflaged among tropical plants and supported by three poles—one of which is visible, much to the chagrin of neighborhood rule-watchers. The poles themselves are a testament to ham ingenuity, salvaged from discarded “open” signs found during a bit of strategic dumpster diving.

The antenna, built with a 9:1 balun and repurposed wire, cost less than \$30 to assemble. While the ends haven’t been folded back for optimal SWR, the FT-710’s internal tuner handles the 2.8:1 mismatch well enough for solid contacts across multiple bands.

Despite limited operating time and challenging solar conditions, Scott has already logged impressive contacts. On 10 meters phone, he reached Costa Rica and Martinique. Across 40, 30, and 20 meters, he made a mix of phone and digital QSOs with Israel, Venezuela, St. Vincent, Morocco, and Sardinia.

The setup is portable, stealthy, and effective—perfect for Scott’s ongoing mission to operate HF under the radar. He teased a future update on his new battery system, promising more insights in the next installment of “Where is W8GXR with his FT-710?”

73 from the field, and stay tuned.

Contest Corner

By Bob Bross, W8NFM

For those of you who may have missed participating in the Oceania Contest this past weekend, I have some great news: you can work the region THIS weekend – albeit for CW only.

Consider it a challenge . . .

As we begin the final quarter of 2025, there are still a lot of contests ahead: stateside QSO parties, specific countries, and even a worldwide contest – something for everyone.

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| 10/11-10/12 | Oceania DX Contest | CW | www.oceaniadxcontest.com |
| 10/11-10/12 | Arizona QSO Party | CW Ph | www.azqp.org |
| 10/11-10/12 | Nevada QSO Party | CW Ph Dig | www.nvqso.com |
| 10/11-10/12 | Pennsylvania QSO Party | CW Ph | www.paqso.org |
| 10/11-10/12 | South Dakota QSO Party | CW Ph | www.sdqsoparty.com |
| 10/18-10/19 | 10-10 International Fall Contest | CW | www.ten-ten.org |
| 10/18-10/19 | Worked All Germany Contest | CW Ph | www.darc.de |
| 10/18-10/19 | New York QSO Party | CW Ph Dig | www.nyqp.org |
| 10/19-10/20 | Illinois QSO Party | CW Ph Dig | www.w9awe.org/ilqp |
| 10/25-10/26 | CQ Worldwide DX Contest | Ph | www.cqww.com |
| 11/01-11/03 | ARRL November Sweeps | CW | www.arrl.org/sweepstakes |
| 11/01-11/02 | UK/EI DX Contest | PH | www.ukaicc.com |
| 11/08-11/09 | 10-10 International Fall Contest | Dig | www.ten-ten.org |
| 11-08-11/09 | Japan International Contest | Ph | www.jidx.org |

More information can also be found on www.contestcalendar.com

Silent Key Donations to QCEN

by Bob Bross, W8NFM

The families of Richard Turner, KA8HXR (SK) and Bruce Peirano (SK) have generously donated some of their radio equipment to QCEN. At our October meeting, we will review which items we may retain for our operational support and what may be sold to members. While we miss our lost members, we are grateful they will continue in spirit to help further our communication activities.

QCEN Meeting September 11, 2025

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

Program: Jim C., KB8UCJ - Programming radios of all makes and models. Many people brought software, cables, test equipment to help who need it. Several broke up into small groups of discussion and problem solving.

October 9th meeting Bob G., W8MRG to be on How to Operate Cross-Band.

- Secretary report of July meeting accepted as listed in L.P. online.
- Treasurer reported all current bills are paid & shed repairs at \$902 more to do.
- Pres. Talked about the year in review, it has been a good year for QCEN.
- V.P. Jim C. - Need new Net Control Ops. & Thanksgiving Price Hill Parade.
- W8VND Shed Project is 85% done, need gravel delivered & electric work.
- Queen Bee Half Marathon Saturday October 11th.
- Honor Flight Half Marathon is November 9th at Florence Mall.
- Grant Amateur Radio Club Hamfest is November 9th in Georgetown, Ohio.
- The 442.700 repeater is bad and a replacement is being looked into soon.

Meeting adjourned 8:59 We had 16 people present.

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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.