

The Listening Post

November Meeting and Other Topics

By Em Rhodes, N8MCR

At Thursday's meeting (11/13/25) I will be appointing a Party Planning Committee. The party can't happen without people participating in the planning. We already have one member who has stepped up to plan the door prizes and entertainment. We need two or three more volunteers. Think about what you love about our parties. Is it seeing long time members that we don't get to see all the time? (that is my favorite!) Is it the great food? The door prizes? The decorations? Whatever it is - you can be the driving force to make the next party a success. We have always done a potluck but there are other possibilities like reserving a big room at a restaurant or having it at someone's home if they are so inclined. The party will take place on our December 11 meeting day, a Thursday night. We usually start at 6 pm. If you have been waiting for your chance to do some service for the club, here it is. Everyone will appreciate it!

Go Kits, Hands on!

Thursday's topic for our meeting will be Go Kits. If you have a great kit, bring it to show us! If you want to learn, you will be able to see the kits and hear about how they were constructed. This would include antennas that can be easily put up in a field, power supply options, and portable radios and other equipment.

Parks on the Air

Going hand in hand with the Go Kits, we are putting together a QCEN Parks on the Air group. If you are interested in this fun activity, that also builds emergency preparedness skills, let me know at the meeting or email me at jazzliveson@gmail.com or call 513-238-8636. We are going to pick a Saturday in December and head out to a park. I know it will be cold, but think of it as a mini-Field Day! Come and join us!



Coming Events:

Nov 13th QCEN Meeting

Nov 15th-17th ARRL

November Sweeps
(SSB)

Nov 27th Thanksgiving Day

Dec 11th QCEN Holiday
Party

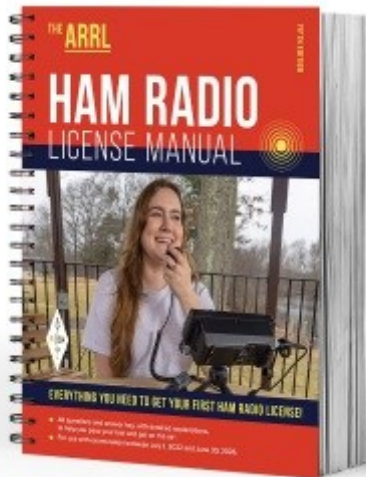
Dec 13th & 14th ARRL

10-Meter Contest

Jan 8th QCEN Meeting
and election of
officers

Tech class Graduates

By Tom Delaney, W8WTD



With the testing session held on November 1st, four participants in the class sessions this fall passed their Technician exam. One also passed his General exam. Out of eight who started the class, five have now successfully gained licenses. One of them, Laurie, took her test early and has both her Tech and General. She is KF8EYC. As soon as the FCC gets back to business, we'll hear about the call signs of the others.

Our efforts to provide entry-level license help has been successful for many years now. We've seen an increase in hams in the Greater Cincinnati area. While I think it's a good idea to try to provide help for license upgrades, those sessions are a lot of work for the instructors, and the demand for the classes has been low to moderate, at best. We can always evaluate our approach, but right now I think we should concentrate on the Tech classes.

As a club, we should try to be welcoming to new hams, particularly when they get on the repeater. More monitoring, and the willingness to talk to new people is something we should all do. We've been really good about welcoming newcomers to our club meetings, and we should try to extend that welcome to those we talk to on air. That may encourage them to get more interested in the club, and also ham radio in general.

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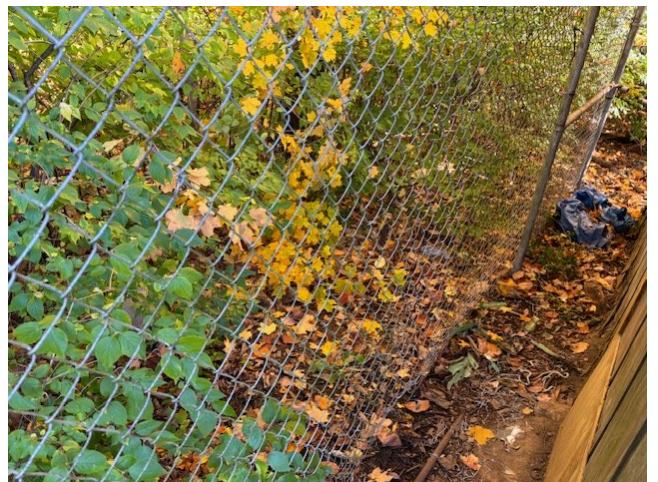
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Shed Updates





QCEN Meeting October 9, 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. New members: KF8EEM Lance F. and KF8EYC Laura O.,

Program: By Jim C. KB8UCJ and Michael B. KD8PLM & Steve G. KE8TEY show & tell about Cross-band operating - Steve had his car radio set for cross-band demonstration. Very good slide show. Talked on how it works, what you need. Lots of good Q & A.

- Secretary report of September meeting accepted as listed in L.P. online.
- V.P. Jim C. - Need Net Control Ops. & Thanksgiving Price Hill Parade.
- Comm. Mgr. Steve L. N8TFD - Queen Bee Half Marathon all went well. Honor Flight Half Marathon is November 9th at Florence Mall.
- Treasurer report - Bob B., W8NFM - all bills are paid.

W8VND Site Shed - need a few boards, gravel, electric work asap.

Ohio ARES Simplex test to be Saturday October 18th.

Grant Amateur Radio Club Hamfest is November 9th in Georgetown, Ohio.

The 442.700 repeater - antenna coax damaged, it will need a new site...

Pres. Em N8MCR - *Nominating Committee* for 2026 QCEN Officers are Bob G., W8MRG & Don M., KE8WYK & Steven G., KE8TEY. They will have their report at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:15pm We had 22 people present.

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Q.C.E.N. Secretary

Robert Blocher, N8JMV

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