

The Listening Post

April Meeting

The April 2026 meeting of the Queen City Emergency Net will take place on Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45207. Members are reminded to attend, and guests are welcome. For those who can't be there in person, there will be a Zoom component to the meeting.

Program: NVIS. This month's topic is Near Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS). This specialized type of radio wave propagation works by bouncing signals straight up to be reflected back down over a relatively small area (around 0 to 400 miles). NVIS is of special importance to our club because it is very important for communication during emergencies or disasters.

QCEN will be using NVIS propagation on April 25 when we gather at the VND site to operate in this fashion.

We have a detailed video to share followed by a strategy session to plan for April 25.

Reminders:

NVIS Day at W8VND site, April 25th
One-question survey from the President, N8MCR.
Please remember to respond.
Weather Spotter Training April 24th

From the Editor: Your editor regrets that circumstances beyond his control have kept him from publishing the usual several-page newsletter. I hope that this abbreviated version will serve as a good substitute for this month.



Coming Events:

April 9th QCEN Meeting
April 25th NVIS Day
May 1-3 Flying Pig
May 7th QCEN Meeting
May 15-17 Hamvention

QCEN Meeting March 12, 2026

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

We did self-introductions with when licensed and background info.

Program: Pres. Em - Parks On The Air - slide show - parksontheair.com It has all the how to it info. Will be planning club park set up soon.

Secretary report of February meeting accepted after correction about Wood Shed at W8NVD site to be named for KA8HXR/sk not metal shed.

Treasurer report - bills paid & dues received and a donation from W8GXR.

Comm. Mgr. Steve N8TFD Flying Pig sign-up online is open, help is needed first weekend in May, route change in Newport & Covington.

Bike MS July 18 & 19 help needed, Picnic July 11 at Selman Park.

W8VND Site the wood shed needs some electrical upgrading to be done, Site needs mowing soon, work party to be in April a.s.a.p.

Local Scouts got on the air 147.240 & 40m with several local hams.

HamVention May 15 & 16 Flea Market help needed, We sell Fri & Sat If you have stuff to sell contact: Bob B. at w8nfm@arrl.net

NVIS Day is on April 25, QCEN will be at W8VND site, time for radio.

Pres. N8MCR wants to have W8VVL radio room open to members once a month so that new and old members can get on the air.

May Meeting date is changed to the first Thursday due to HamVention.

W8VVL 442.700 Repeater - new site to be checked a.s.a.p.

OHKYIN Brunch Bunch - 2nd Saturday at a local restaurant, all welcome.

Meeting adjourned 9:17pm We had 22 people present.

Next Meeting to be Thursday April 9, 2026 at Red Cross.

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Q.C.E.N. Secretary

Robert Blocher, N8JMV

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