

The Listening Post

May Meeting

The May 2026 meeting of the Queen City Emergency Net will take place on Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Red Cross building, 2111 Dana Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45207. Please note that this meeting has been moved up a week to accommodate our activities at Hamvention.. As you know, the club spends a lot of time and effort at the Flea Market, selling equipment for the benefit of the club and its members.

Members are reminded to attend the meeting, and guests are welcome. For those who can't be there in person, there will be a Zoom component to the meeting.

There will not be a formal program, but instead, time will be devoted to discuss two of our biggest activities, Hamvention and Field Day.



Obituaries

The club has lost several members over the last few months. We remember **Rob, K8CO**, one of the longest-serving members. Health concerns kept him from being active in recent years, but he served as an officer and was very involved in club activities in the 1960's and 70s.

Jim Lewis, N8UCL, (Steve's father) travelled from the Dayton area to participate in club activities. He was especially good at being Net Control for the MS-150.

Richard Berter, KE8TEY, was somewhat new to ham radio when he joined the club. He liked to participate in the monthly Mentoring sessions so he could learn more about technical topics. Recently, he enjoyed getting on the digital modes.

All of them will be missed.

Coming Events:

- May 7th QCEN Meeting
- May 9th OHKYIN Lunch Bunch at Red Robin in Northern Kentucky
- May 15-17 Hamvention
- May 25th Memorial Day
- June 27 & 28 Field Day

Contest Corner

By Bob Bross, W8NFM

Summer is almost here. There are several large contests coming up, and a bunch of smaller ones. Here are a few worth highlighting:

05/09-05/10	Canadian Prairies QSP Party	CW Ph	www.cpqpp.vethams.ca
05/16-05/17	Arkansas QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	www.arkqp.com
05/30-05/31	CQ WW WPX Contest	CW	www.cqwp.com
06/06-06/07	Museum Ships Weekend	CW PH Dig	www.nj2bb.org
06/06-06/07	ARRL International Digital Contest	Dig	www.arrl.org/arrl-digital-contest
06/06-06/07	Kentucky QSO Party	CW Ph	www.kyqsoparty.org
06/08-06/09	Atlantic Canada QSO Party	CW Ph	www.acqp.contesting.com

For more information on other contests, check the ARRL site and www.contestcalendar.com

Field Day 2026 - At Least It Won't Be Snowing

By Bob Bross, W8NFM

I am making a bold prediction for Field Day this year; we will NOT be shutting down early due to snow and/or icy conditions. June 27th-28th - mark your calendar now!

The plan is to operate from the W8VVL station at the Red Cross. Set up at 10:00 AM Saturday; 24-hour operations from 12:00 Saturday through 12:00 Sunday. Sign-up information and details to be sent out AFTER Hamvention.

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NVIS DAY

By Em Rhodes, N8MCR

We had a great time setting up for this unique opportunity to bounce our signals straight up and reach people in the region! Don, KE8WYK, had his rig and his vertical antenna. He also brought his antenna tuner, which allowed Lance, KF8EEM, to tune the antenna that he brought. Bob Bross, W8NFM, graciously allowed us to set up his loop antenna, and as advertised, it went up like a charm. You can see Em, N8MCR, using it to make a contact in the photo below. We also had a visitor drop by - Steve (didn't get his call) - as seen in the picture with Lance. Another visitor, Kirk, AB8ML, set up his gear. Paul, KB8ANY and Michael, KF8FEC, made big contributions as well. Francis, N8PEE - thanks for running home to get the extension cord when it was discovered there wasn't one on site (and for helping Em untangle it). Jim, WY8K, was our go-to for technical questions. We didn't make a ton of contacts, but we had fun, and we learned a lot!





Hamvention 2026 - A Lot to Sell/ A Lot to Look Forward To

- by Bob Bross, W8NFM

Hamvention is next week!

Here are some key dates/times:

Thursday, May 7th - 7:30 PM: QCEN meeting one week early. Doors open at 6:30. Bring any items you want to sell/donate.

Saturday, May 9th - 9:00 AM-Noon: Additional/large equipment to sell; drop-off with Bob, W8NFM 7240 Redondo Court in Madeira. Please call ahead.

Wednesday, May 13th - 6:00 PM: Absolute LAST time for drop-off equipment.

Thursday, May 14th - Noon: Trailer load-up and transport to Hamvention.

Friday, May 15th - 7:00 AM: Begin booth setup in preparation for 9:00 AM opening; shutdown begins at 4:00 PM.

Saturday, May 16th - 7:00 AM: Begin booth setup in preparation for 9:00 AM opening; shutdown begins at 4:00 PM.

Sunday, May 17th - 9:00 AM: pick-up at 7240 Redondo Court of any unsold equipment (the goal is to have none!)

NOTE: We will discuss carpool options at the meeting. Unless you have a Vendor ticket (you know who you are) or are riding in one of two vehicles with a drive-in pass, you cannot get into Hamvention before 9:00 AM. Volunteers at the booth can help at any time; please contact Bob, W8NFM to sign up.

See you all there!



Jim Benson, W8OUU, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Congratulations from all of us in the Net!

QCEN Meeting April 9, 2026

Called to order at 7:45pm, Pledge to the Flag & self-introductions. Pres. Em N8MCR welcomed all at Red Cross & and on Zoom.

Two members recently gone - K8CO and N8UCL, they are missed. KE8TEC Richard B. is not doing well,

KE8TEY Steven thanked all those for help at Xenia Marathon.

Program: Pres . N8MCR - NVIS Day at W8VND site 4-25-2026. 10am-4pm. Showed a video about NVIS, works a few hundred miles and is best on 40M day time, several people to be there w/ N8MCR.

Secretary report of March meeting accepted as in L.P. on QCEN.org

Pres. N8MCR hosted a W8VVL Radio Room open to members.

Treasurer report - bills paid & we have Flea Market tickets.

HamVention - Flea Market spaces are 7814, 7815, 7816. help needed.

147.240 repeater controller trouble to be checked by Tom D. asap.

Comm. Mgr. Steve N8TFD Flying Pig sign-up online is open, Zoom meeting for Flying Pig is April 30 at 7:00pm.

Help is needed first weekend in May, Bike MS July 18 help needed, It is now one day only. QCEN Picnic is Saturday July 11 at Selman Park.

ARRL Field Day is June 27 & 28 at Red Cross, food, drinks and fun time.

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

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

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

Meeting adjourned 9:16pm We had 21 people present.

Next Meeting to be Thursday May 7, 2026 at Red Cross.

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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.