

# PRIORITY TRAFFIC

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**QCEN** QUEEN CITY  
EMERGENCY NET  
AMERICAN RADIO AMATEUR OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, EMERGENCY AFRID ENABLER

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## Mark's Musings...

*President, Mark Reising  
WM8R*

Thanks to Gary Miller for an interesting evening program last month, it's good to know where Red Cross is headed and how our organization is still an important part of emergency services. For those that missed the meeting, it is too bad you were unable to make it. I realize that life has been kind of slow with respect to disasters in the last couple of years, but we must maintain our skills and increase our knowledge for it is only a matter of time before we have another major disaster. It may be natural or man-made, but either way, we must maintain our state of readiness. Last month there was a motion to drop the Tuesday evening net and a year ago a committee was

year ago a committee was appointed to try to increase interest in the net. The net was moved to 9:00 PM in an effort to increase participation, but that has had little effect (I am as guilty as anyone in missing check-in). I am asking each one of you to come up with a suggestion for what you would like do on the net. Do we just have a social chat, a training topic, or something else? Let me know via email at [mycallsign>@qcen.net](mailto:<mycallsign>@qcen.net) (see below if you don't remember my callsign).

Next, be sure to mark your calendars for the annual QCEN Holiday Party, Friday Dec 17. I would like to start things off at 7:00 PM EST with a very short business meeting, to include nominations for officers from the floor. Bring a non-perishible food

item for donation and/or a new unwrapped toy for donation to charity. Bring an appropriate covered dish or desert type food for the party, the club will furnish beverages and table ware. Family is invited, and we will have an interesting entertainment program, something non-traditional, but I'm sure you will enjoy it.



**HOLIDAY PARTY!!**

***Friday***

***Dec 17***

***7:00pm***

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Steve Lewis, N8TFD

## **VOLUNTEER!!**

Happy Holidays from the Lewises near and far to members of QCEN near and far!!!

”What can we do to help?”

It’s a question that gets asked a lot. And that’s a good thing. I’m glad to hear that QCEN members are engaged and dedicated to the cause.

It’s the answer that is tough. The “stuff” that needs to be done to keep the radio club running and improving is never glorious and seldom easy. As a wrap-up to the year, I’m going to provide a list of inconspicuous and difficult tasks.

It is my/our hope that there are members of the Net (or their friends/family/neighbors) that can “run” with some of these jobs. They’re not exciting, you’ve been warned!!! And now, “the list”:

Come up with an interesting idea for a speaker and/or topic for a meeting

Push the mower @W8VND

Get your VE certification so we can have a “standing” QCEN VE team

Send some content to the newsletter staff (doesn’t have to be YOUR original!)

Run 1 Tuesday Night Net a year

Identify a fun operating event(s) and help staff a W8VND “open house” around it

Volunteer to take a leadership position in the QCEN booth @ Flying Pigs Expo

Volunteer to take a leadership position in the Flying Pigs 5K/10K

**Volunteer to take a leadership position in planning the 2005 Holiday Party**

**Install ground rods at base of new tower at W8VND**

**Paint the edges of the new tower**

**Install adequate roof vents at W8VND**

**Paint the metal roof of the W8VND shed**

**treat (Thompson’s water seal, etc.) the wood of the W8VND porches/steps**

**fabricate a cover for the Blue Goose @ W8VND**

**install a couple of extra “ground bars” @ W8VND**

**(I told you! But that’s the types of things it takes to keep QCEN running as a successful amateur radio organization.)**

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## **NOTES**

### QCEN MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2004

At 7:35pm President, *Mark Reising* WM8R announced *that we would wait a few more minutes for everyone to arrive before starting meeting.*

*Mark introduced Gary Miller who gave a very informative program regarding Red Cross activities.*

*At 9:10pm President, Mark WM8R called the group to order to conduct the business part of the meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published. Motion passed.*

Treasurer, *Jim N8ZZW* gave *the treasurer’s report.*

Communications Manager, *Steve N8TFD* thanked those *who participated in the Kings Island drill. Steve reported needing net control operators for the Tuesday Ten net.*

Building and Grounds, *John KC8SIL* reported that *the broken window at W8VND has been repaired.*

Charts and Maps, *Pete KC8BZM* reported that *he has placed maps at both W8VVL and W8VND. Pete also reported that ARPSC I.D. cards*

*are only valid for two years. Cards will be renewed upon completion of requirements.*

Engineering, *Chuck K8CR* reported that *every thing was in working order. He also*

*reported that John WA8DFD has still not given Steve N8TFD the repeater codes.*

Publications, *Chuck K8CR* reporting for *Shelia KB8VMY* indicated that *the LP was on the web site and was mailed.*

Security, *Dick W8RLL* reported that *the broken window at W8VND has been repaired.*

President, Mark WM8R reported very low participation on the Tuesday Ten net. This topic will be reviewed by the new officers and executive committee.

Mark WM8R said that he would allow people to voice their opinion tonight. Tom W8WTD suggested that a time limit of ten minutes be set.

John KC8SIL suggested a quarterly formal net with the other weeks being an informal net.

Pete KC8BZM believes that with a quarterly net, members will miss announcements

about events.

Kitty WB8TDA reported that most announcements come out via e-mail.

Pete KC8BZM told everyone that large scale events would need multiple net controls operators.

Tom W8WTD suggested that the focus of the education committee has been to get new hams involved in the net. Maybe we need to concentrate on furthering the education of

the existing net members. The Tuesday Ten net would be a good place to do that.

David KC8SXO reports that there is a career development center behind his school. Maybe development of ham radio activities at that location. Hank N8XX told everyone that the ARPSC net

is a training net. Maybe we should consider something similar to that.

Chuck K8CR made a motion to dissolve the Tuesday Ten Net.

Kitty WB8TDA second the motion.

Jim N8ZZW made a motion to table the discussion.

Steve N8TFD second the motion

Mark WM8R advised that the discussion would continue after the elections.

Tom W8WTD announced that the ten minute comment period was over.

President, Mark WM8R took a vote on the motion to dissolve the net. The "no's" have it.

President, Mark WM8R asked Hank N8XX to comment on the by-laws revisions. Hank reported that the revisions have been posted on the web site and he has had no feedback.

Hank N8XX made a motion to accept the by-laws as published on the web site.

Tom W8WTD second the motion.

Chuck K8CR asked for a recap of the major revisions. Mark WM8R read all of the revisions.

Mark WM8R indicated that a motion was on the floor to accept the revisions.

Jim N8ZZW pointed out that he believes the section regarding resident / non resident needs to be changed. Tom W8WTD clarified this section and advised that a change was not

Mark WM8R asked for a vote to accept the by-law revisions. Motion passed.

President, Mark WM8R then thanked Hank N8XX for chairing the nominating committee.

Tom W8WTD reported the committee's selection for the 2005 officers.

President - Mark Reising WM8R

Vice Pres - Pete Feichtner KC8BZM

Secretary - Andrew Crowl N8MDH

Treasurer - Jim Walsh N8ZZW

Comm Manager - Steve Lewis N8TFD

President, Mark Reising WM8R reminded everyone that nominations will be accepted from the floor at the December meeting.

Mark WM8R asked for volunteers to put together the holiday party.

Hank N8XX reported that the Colerain Twp zoning board would be discussing zoning appeals regarding antennas at their next meeting. Hank urged everyone to attend.

Ways and Means, Dick W8RLL reported having digital badges for sale.

Hank N8XX made a motion to adjourn at 9:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Winkelman, KB8GFN

Secretary

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Cincinnati Area Chapter

**Dues for 2004-2005 are now due!**  
Membership categories are:  
Regular-\$15.00 per year  
Sustaining-\$20.00 or more per year  
Student-\$3.50 per year  
Non-resident-\$5.00 per year  
Family members pay 1/2 price

Please note any changes of address, etc on the form below.  
Give the completed form to Bob Garfield, W8MRG. Or send it to  
the address listed below.

Remember to talk up QCEN! We have a great group, and others  
may be interested in joining!

***QUEEN CITY EMERGENCY NET, INC.***  
***Application for Membership-Renewal***

***(PLEASE CHECK) NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP***

***NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_***

***ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ OVER 21? \_\_\_\_\_***

***CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_***

***TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSECLASS \_\_\_\_\_***

***PAGER \_\_\_\_\_ CELL-PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER PHONE \_\_\_\_\_***

***E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER OF ARRL? \_\_\_\_\_***

***PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER FCC LICENSES \_\_\_\_\_***

***QCEN MEMBER RECOMMENDING YOU \_\_\_\_\_***

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