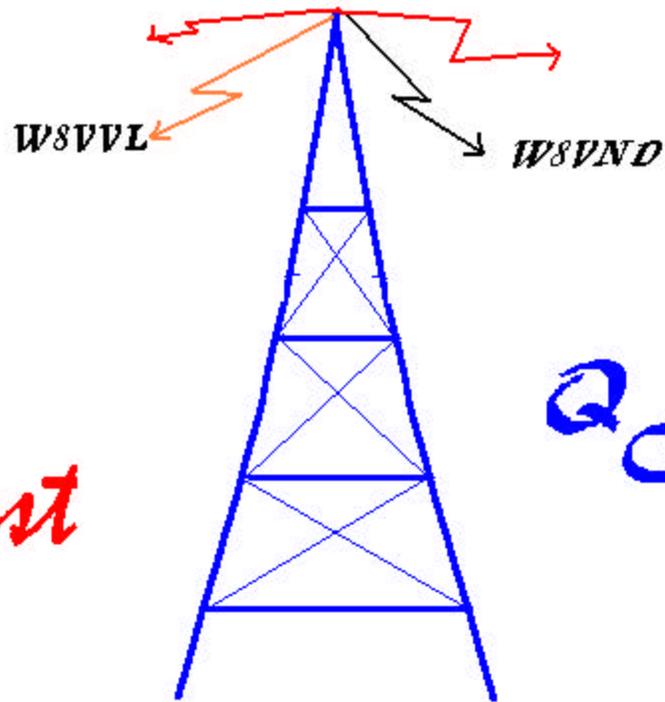


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QCEN Meeting - Friday, June 20, 1997 - 8:00 p.m.
Red Cross - 720 Sycamore, Downtown Cincinnati

Field Day- Clippard Park - Planning Session
Hank Greeb, N8XX

Field Day - June 28 & 29, 1997 - Clippard Park
Setup starts ~ 10 a.m. June 28, Contest from 2 p.m. to 2.p.m.
Family style dinner - 6 p.m. June 28 See insert for details

Leffler's Lines

Another Dayton Hamvention is under our belt! Hope those of you that ventured North sold and bought everything that you wanted. The weather cooperated quite well this year. Thought we were going to get wet a few times but it turned out great. Most of the old equipment at the trailer was taken to John, WA8DFD and Chuck's, K8CR, flea market space and sold or given away. Thanks to Mark, WB9BVV for the use of his pick up truck and his time and effort loading all of the "goodies". Some of the really "good stuff" was donated to Rumpke. Even though the meeting was a week early, we had a really good turn out for the May meeting. Glad to see a few old (not in age) members that I hadn't seen in a few months. Rod Hill, meteorologist from WCPO, Channel 9 gave an interesting talk on floods and weather in the past number of years. Thanks to Joe, W8YFS for making the arraignments for Rod to attend our meeting. Be sure to attend June's meeting. The field day chairperson, none other than our illustrious V.P., Hank, N8XX will provide us with the exciting details for field day this year. This is a really nice park with good facilities and it's close to my home! Be sure to come out because I've heard threats that there's going to be some special cooking to be done on Saturday and Sunday! Yummy.... Heck, I might even make a contact or two.. maybe.... Bring your favorite lawn chair and come out for a good time. See you at the meeting! 73, de wb8mcx, Dick

QCEN - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1997

EVERY TUESDAY at 10:00 P.M. - Tuesday 10 Net 147.84/24

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| Jun 8 - Erlanger (KY) Hamfest | Jun 21 - QCEN Meeting |
| Jun 8 - Wabash (IN) Hamfest | Jun 27 - LP Deadline |
| Jun 8 - Akron (OH) Hamfest | Jun 28-29 - Field Day |
| Jun 8 - Erlanger (KY) Hamfest | Jul 7 - N8XX Birthday |
| Jun 14 - Asia - Pacific SSB Spring | Aug 2-3 MS 150 |

EVERY TUESDAY, Code Classes at 7:30 p.m. @ W8VND details, contact KA8MCM.

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Mark's Musings - de wb9bvv

The MS Walkathon was completed on May 18. Approximately 5000 walkers participated and QCEN along with assistance from ARPSC provided communications for the event. In general, things worked very well, there were no serious emergencies this year (which is always nice). On August 2 and 3 we will be supporting the MS150 Bicycle Ride. For those who are not aware, this is a 150 mile, 2 day bike ride for about 700 cyclists. It is well supported, with check points every 15 miles, snacks, lunch, dinner, breakfast and overnight accomodations provided, along with support mechanics and sag wagons. We provide communications along the route and at each of the check points and in some of the support vehicles. This is an excellent public service event and an opportunity to practice our communications skills by providing comms over a large area (kind of like the floods this year). I will have a sign up sheet at the June meeting and I encourage all members to assist. Details will follow. I will miss Field Day this year but we may be able to make contact with the club while we're on the road. Look for us on Midcars and other frequencies from 7 land. A final note, the generator engine has been replaced and I witnessed it start on the first crank. It sounds great and will be back in service as soon as we complete repairs to the safety shut off systems. 73 de Mark, WB9BVV

Did you know? de kb8zqs

Did you know a cellphone which is not activated can still be used to make outgoing calls! 911 works and it's free. Any other number would require a credit card and would be charged roaming rates. So it's a good idea to have an old bag phone with a lighter plug cord in with the emergency things in each car. I picked up a couple for about \$10 each. I tested them by dialing 611 and had them checked to make sure they were not stolen. Good things happen when HAMs get together. 73 de wb8zqs - Bob

Olde Englyshe - de n8xx

Greetings from Colorado. We left the Dayton Aerodrome in the rain, friends say it still rains on Sunday, yet here it's warm (mid 80's low humidity, and the sun shines. If you see a "Paid through Apr 97 in Red on your mailing list please check - Fred was out of town, so he couldn't double check, but he said he couldn't remember any new members. Some of you may have renewed, but ye olde ed. doesn't have info. Hope you're not overly tired of hearing about Field Day. As you've probably guessed, it's one of my favorite activities. It provides a time to hone good operating skills (needed during disaster relief work). It also allows us to set up in the field - in a somewhat different manner than when we go out to a shelter after a hurricane or flood, but the exercise is useful. We get to exercise our emergency response kit - and make sure all the components still work. Field Day is also provides camaraderie, a picnic, and a chance to meet some of your fellow QCEN members in a relaxed setting. This year we have a new volunteer chef - Chuck, K8CR, who is promising to cook up Saturday evening meal. Approximate menu, subject to change is: **Barbecued Chicken, with Chuck's secret recipe Beer Steamed Mets Potato Salad Cole Slaw And other fixin's**

This will be a "Share the Cost" dinner - estimated to be around \$4.00 per person. Reservations are requested so Chuck will know how many chickens to dress and how many potatoes to dig, etc.

Then on Sunday morning, El Presidente will carry on the usual tradition of cooking breakfast. This tradition promises to be upheld in great manner. What else will happen this year? Come on out and see. 73 de n8xx, hg

Thanks for Donations

Thanks to all who have made donations to the tower renovation fund. As of the May meeting the following folks have donated.

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| Ron Ayers | N8DUC | Chuck Lingo | KA8SQE |
| Vern Barhorst | WD4EEB | Hod Luhn | W6UCN |
| Dar Bass | N8DVQ | Art Osmand | N8APQ |
| Don Camery | K8EC | Mark Reising | WB9BVV |
| Rip Collins | W4KFV | Howard Robbins | N8UNX |
| Tom Delaney | KC7TN | Frank Snider | KA8ORJ |
| Ron Dieselberg | W8PCK | Richard Turner | KA8HXR |
| Darleen Heist | KC4VUK | Jim Wade | N8YVI |
| Gordon Ingram (2) | WB8WAV | Jim Walsh | N8ZZW |
| Bob Johnston | K4DMG | | |

73 de WA8DFD, John

Donations Still Needed - Please help

A friendly reminder - The net has incurred some \$800 expense for antenna work and other maintenance @ W8VND. Please donate whatever you feel you can afford \$5, \$10, \$20 or more we can clear this debt up in no time at all. Send your checks, payable to QCEN, to: **John Dine, WA8DFD, Treasurer 10335 Hawkhurst Drive Cincinnati OH 45231** Thank you all for your support of the net. 73 Jim, N8ZZW, Ways & Means

QCEN Meeting 9 May 97

The regular monthly meeting of the Queen City Emergency Net began with Bob, WD8EFO introducing Joe, W8YFS, who then introduced Rod Hill from WCPO-TV. Mr. Hill then gave an excellent program on weather. Following this program and a short break, the business meeting was called to order by President Dick, WB8MCX at 2110 EDT. Members introduced themselves. A motion was approved to accept the secretary's report as it was printed in the LP. Treasurer John, WA8DFD, gave his report, which was approved. Communications Manager Mark, WB9BVV, discussed the MS Walk, scheduled for May 18, and handed out assignments. He solicited net controls for the Tuesday 10 net. Activities, Bob, WD8EFO reported that the activity for the June Meeting would be planning for Field Day and the July Meeting will be a family picnic at W8VND. Charts and Maps Bob, N8EXF has a list of maps which are available, and asked members who are interested in ordering them to contact him. Red Cross/Disaster Tom, KC7TN, reminded everyone to keep their batteries charged, and their emergency kits ready to respond any time Red Cross should call for our assistance. He asked that anyone who wishes to be on the QCEN e-Mail list to give their address to him. Jackets and Hats will be available at the June meeting. Engineering John WA8DFD reported for Chuck K8CR that the tower at W8VVL has been remounted to the building. The 147.24 repeater is back in its normal location. The generator for W8VND is in the repair shop for an engine overhaul, and should be back in several weeks. Membership, Fred, K8FR, reported we had 117 paid members. Field Day, Hank N8XX reported that Field Day is June 28 and 29. Come to the QCEN meeting in June to help plan for the event. Publicity Steve N8TFD reported on mailing of QCEN information to new hams. He is also in need of "Flood of 97" pictures. Past President Dean KB8GFN has an alpha pager list for anyone who would like a copy. If you get a pager please let him know. Pagers were used extensively during the flood relief. Steve, N8TFD announced that the UC Amateur Radio Club is looking for communicators to assist with a bike ride on Saturday, June 1. If you can help, please contact Steve. John, WA8DFD has several terminals available for packet use - FREE if you're a QCEN member and promise to get it on

packet. Hank, N8XX made his usual motion to adjourn at 2150 hours. Respectfully submitted, Dean Winkelman, KB8GFN, Past President. Acting Secretary.

From the dept. of Buildings and Grounds:

The gas powered trimmer has been sent out for service. When it comes back, it should start and run much better. A new cutting assembly has been put on it also. It uses a combination of string and plastic blades. When using it, please try to keep from hitting anything solid with the blades. They swivel, but I'm sure impact with solid objects will shorten their life. We are always looking for people to help with cutting the grass at the trailer. If everyone would take a turn, each person would only cut it once every few years. It only takes 1/2 to 1 hour. Please contact Mike - KB8VMX or sign up on the list when it comes around at a meeting if you can help. Thanks, de wb8vmx,

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