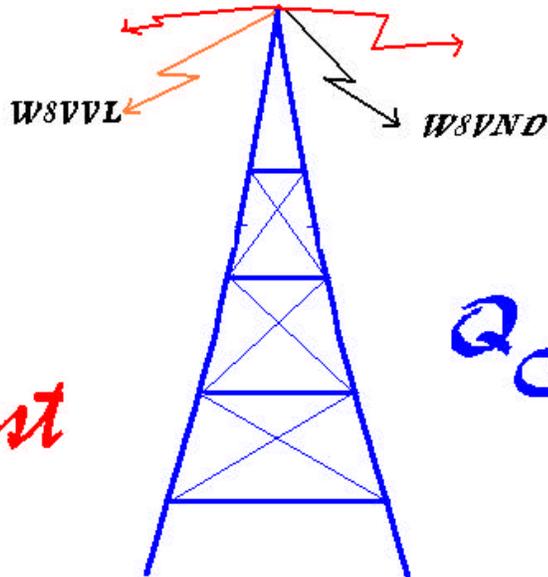


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QCEN Meeting - Friday, September 19, 1997 - 8:00 p.m.

Cincinnati Red Cross – 720 Sycamore – Downtown Cincinnati

First Aid – How to respond to medical emergencies

Dean Winkelman, KB8GFN

Leffler's Lines, de WB8MCX

The MS-150 is history for another year. Everything was great except the air conditioning in the dorms didn't exist. Mary and my room was cool because we brought a fan! We enjoyed the ride and heard of only a few hospital runs, bruises, scrapes and heat exhaustion. Could have been a lot worse if it really was much warmer. Great job by Mark, WB9BVV and everyone who volunteered!

Many thanks to Bob, WD8EFO for setting up the tour of the Smart Route traffic facilities last month. It was the second time I had been there. The first was only a few weeks earlier when they had their open house for their "probes". These are the mobile units that pass traffic info on to them. If you have a scanner or other tunable UHF radio and want to hear all of the up to the minute traffic reports, tune to 452.90 MHz.

We just returned from a week of traveling the Carolina's. Went to our Niece's in Beaufort, SC for a few days and then up to Myrtle Beach to soak up some sun and sand. (stuff gets everywhere.) Air conditioning broke on the way back. 96 degrees in Columbia when we went through... Whew...

Hope to see everyone at the meeting!

73, de WB8MCX, Dick

The Listening Post is published by the Committee for Amateur Radio for education of its' members. Articles, comments, rebuttals are invited and may be sent to Hank Greeb, N8XX, 72277.706@compuseve.com. Deadline is one week after the meeting.

QCEN MEETING - 15 AUGUST 1997

The regular monthly meeting of the QCEN was held at the SmarTraveler Center 508 West Third street in downtown Cincinnati so that the

Net could see how the new technology is changing traffic control. At 1900 EDT. Mr. Robert Bross, Director of Operations, took the members on a tour and explanation of the facility.

President Dick WB8MCX opened business the meeting at 2006 EDT. There were 27 members and guests present. He thanked Mr. Bross for his tour and excellent explanation of the Center.

Nate WD8MOI made motion, seconded by **Mike KB8VMX** to accept Secretary's report as printed in the L.P., motion passed.

Chuck K8CR made motion, seconded by **Mike KB8VMX**, to accept report as presented by **Treasurer John WA8DFD**, motion passed.

Buildings & Grounds Mike KB8VMX passed around a sign-up list for grass cutting at W8VND.

Engineering Chuck K8CR said there would be no more work parties until September.

Publicity Steve N8TFD said that **Mike KB8VMX** had finalized an article on the 1997 Flood for QST and it will appear in the October issue on page 28.

Red Cross Tom KC7TN reported on a meeting with Gary Miller. Things are quiet but they are still trying to wrap up things from the flood and tornadoes of this year, The work would probably take a couple more months to complete.

John WA8DFD said he had received a letter from Gary Miller of the Red Cross asking for any kind of help to build houses for the Habitat for Humanity.

President Dick WB8MCX advised that the MS-150 had come off well.

John WA8DFD reported that **Education Jaque KA8MCM** advised code classes would resume the second Tuesday in September.

Hank N8XX made his usual motion to adjourn at 2055 EDT. Seconded by **Mike KB8VMX**. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Vern Barhorst, **WD4EEB Secretary**

Mark's Musings – de WB9BVV

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 26 for the Cancer Society Walkathon. At press time, details are sketchy, but it will begin with registration opens at 0900 EST. Participants will leave from Sawyer Point at about 1000. The walk will be 5 miles and will cross the river twice. This is their first event of this type and they don't yet know how many checkpoints or support vehicles they will have. I will be meeting with them in mid September to discuss details and offer suggestions. Currently, it looks like they will need about 15 communicators for various locations and functions.

Also in October, KA8LAY has asked for our participation in the SET. ARPSC would like to try communicating from some of the areas that were involved in the floods, probably the shelters. More details to come later. Please mark your calendars for both events, we will need people.

73 de wb9bvv, Mark

Queen City Emergency Net on the World Wide Web

Look at <http://w3.one.net/~rkuns/qcen.html>

Also, GCARA on the web @ <http://w3.one.net/~rkuns/gcara.html>

CFMC on the web @ <http://w3.one.net/~rkuns/cfmc.html>

UCARC on the web @ <http://www.uc.edu/www/w8yx/>

Thanks to KC8TW for putting QCEN on the web.

GCARA Hamfest and Communications Expo

Sunday, September 21, 1997

Kolping Park, Talk-in 146.88 MHz.

What Is An Emergency? - de kc7tn

Answering this question with "it depends," is probably an accurate answer for everyone. For some, an emergency is when **my** house is affected by flood, winds, etc. For others, it can be when there is widespread damage and the whole city seems affected. For those of us in QCEN, it **should be** whenever Red Cross calls.

But for most of us, even in QCEN, it may be difficult to break away from work, family, other plans, to come out and assist Red Cross when asked. Each of us is not going to be able to respond in every circumstance. Most of us, though, can find some time to devote to disaster relief, and because of that, QCEN is there, just as it always has been, to answer our primary mission -communications assistance to the Cincinnati Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In two call-outs this year, QCEN has responded each time. During the flood, QCEN members worked many long hours and provided a tremendous support in all phases of the communications effort for Red Cross. Many of us learned that our expertise in communications went well beyond what we can do with ham radio.

Still, we want to improve our ability to get people out when necessary. And so, we come back to the question--what is an emergency? And when is help really necessary?

I have to take the view that whenever Red Cross calls for QCEN, it is an emergency. The last two times, we ended up in one Level Five disaster and one Level Three disaster. Neither one was obvious from the first day, particularly not this most recent one. Even if you were following news reports on Wednesday night, July 2, the extent of the damage was not clear then. And the problems caused by lack of communication with Felicity, Ohio only became clear during the day on Thursday.

At times, QCEN has been called out to look for damage, only to find none. Because there was little or no damage, the effort seemed insignificant. Actually, whether we find major damage or nothing, the activity is very important to Red Cross. It establishes the level of response, or provides data for future service to clients.

As I said earlier, not everyone will be able to respond each time Red Cross calls. But what can you do? Often, the time we are needed most and can be of most assistance to those in need, is within the first twenty-four to forty-eight hours after a disaster has occurred. If you work, have you thought about making arrangements ahead of time with your boss to get off work on short notice for one day? Or if you are retired, have you made sure that we can reach you? Please give some careful consideration to your own circumstances, and let us know when and how we can count on you by filling out the survey form below.

73 de kc7tn, Tom

From the Q3 1997 Ohio Section Journal...de N8TFD

This year's Ohio Section Conference will be held in Columbus. The Saturday [9/27] session will be at the (Columbus) Red Cross building, and the Sunday [9/28] session will again be at the golf coarse (sic).

I thought this might be of interest to those that worked for the Red Cross during the floods. The Columbus Red Cross is in the eastern shadow of downtown so it would be a 210-mile round trip to Columbus from downtown Cincinnati...

Saturday, September 27:		Sunday, September 28:	
9:00am	Introductions/Sign-In	9:00am	Introductions/Sign-In
9:30am	Club trends and new ideas	9:30am	Section Activity Reports
	DEC meeting	10:30am	Discussion Of Ohio Flooding And Response
10:30	EC/DEC meeting	12:00pm	Break for lunch till 1:00pm
11:30	Break for lunch till 1:00pm	1:00pm	Newsletter Contest
1:00pm	Newsletter Contest	1:30pm	SET
1:30pm	Division Director, (WB8BGY)	2:00pm	Open Forum

3:30pm	Saturday wrap-up	3:00pm	Set 1998 conference dates
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Red Cross Training Classes, thru November 20

September 22	Shelter Nursing Workshop	6 pm-8:30 pm
September 24-25	Emergency Assistance to Families I	6-10 pm
September 27	Emergency Assistance to Families II	9 am-5 pm
October 8	Mass Care I (N'East Office)	6-9 pm
October 11	Records and Reports	9 am-5 pm
October 16	Damage Assessment I (Dearborn County)	6-9 pm
October 17	Disaster Health Services I	8:30 a-4:30 pm
October 23	Shelter Operations	6-9 pm
October 29	Damage Assessment I(Brown County)	6-9 pm
November 5	Team Training and Emerg. Assist. Principles	6-9 pm
November 15	Emergency Assistance to Families I(Brown Cty)	9a-5pm
November 18	Shelter Operations (Grant County)	6-9 pm
November 20	Shelter Operations (Clermont County)	6-9 pm

15 minutes in the Spotlight...de N8TFD

QCEN's 15 minutes are right now! Check out pages 28-32 of the October, 1997 QST. There you will find an article by KB8VMX, detailing his experiences during the flooding. This national-scale exposure is our largest publicity coup in recent history. Thanks to KB8GFN for nifty full-color pictures which are printed throughout the article.

Well, we can't top that (and Heaven help us if we ever do), but I am ALWAYS looking for new ways to expose QCEN to the new (and not-so-new) ham community. QCEN sends mailings to newly licensed (and newly transplanted) hams, as well as new/renewing ARRL members. What else should we be doing? We haven't had any new members in months. We all worked very hard during the March flooding. We should now use that event to drum up support for our organization!

Publicize our web page

Put <http://w3.one.net/~rkuns/qcen.html> on your web pages!! Talk up QCEN at those CFMC, OhKyIn, CRA, GCARA, ARPSC, FARA, and NKARC meetings! Our fliers are free for the asking if you have some friends to whom to send them!

73 de n8tfd, Steve

QCEN - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1997

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

Sep 19 – QCEN Meeting	Oct 4-5 – California QSO Party
Sep 20 – Cave City (KY) Hamfest	Oct 5 – RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, phone
Sep 20-21 – Air Force 50th Anniversary QSO Party	Oct 5 – Bedford (IN) Hamfest
Sep 20-21 – Scandinavian Activity Contest (CW)	Oct 5 – Huntington (IN) Hamfest
Sep 21 – GCARA Hamfest	Oct 8-10 – YLRL YL Anniversary Contest, CW
Sep 21 – 22 - Washington State Salmon Run	Oct 10 – Ten-Ten Day Sprint
Sep 26 – LP Deadline	Oct 11 – FISTS CW Fall Sprint
Sep 27-28 – Scandinavian Activity Contest (Phone)	Oct 11-12 – Pennsylvania QSO Party
Sep 27-28 – CQ WW RTTY Contest	Oct 12 – Ashland (OH) Hamfest
Sep 27-28 – Heart of Dixie Contest	Oct 12 – Lima (OH) Hamfest
Sep 27-28 – Ohio Section ARRL Conference	Oct 17 – QCEN Meeting
Sep 28 – Cleveland (OH) Hamfest	Oct 17-18 – QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party
Sep 28 – Springfield (OH) Hamfest	Oct 19-20 – RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest
Sep 28-29 - Tennessee QSO Party	Oct 26 – Cancer Society Walk

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

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Please note and consider the article and survey by Tom, KC7TN, our Red Cross liaison. We're doing a good job for the Red Cross, and they're taking note of our efforts. We can respond best with good, current information on people's availability and interests..

Also, note the number of contests which are coming up in the next month. We have a very nice station @ W8VND, which can be

opened up for any contest or other operating activity. As long as one of the operators in attendance has the appropriate license, anyone may operate the station regardless of his/her class of license. Operating in a contest is good practice for operating in emergencies – one develops skill at coping with the unexpected, and learns to dig information out of the mud of interference.

Please bring your October QST to the meeting – perhaps we can have an autograph session by KB8VMX during the coffee break? His article looked very nice in the galley proofs he shared at the August meeting. And, even though his name appears as the author – he says "He couldn't have written the article without the activity of the QCEN members."

One final note – the Ohio Section ARRL Conference will be held in Columbus OH on September 27 & 28. This should be of particular interest to QCEN members, because Flood relief efforts will be discussed on September 28. Let me know if you're planning to attend. Thanks.

73 de n8xx hg

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