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From CB to the Ham Bands

By Steve Ulichney, N8LGP

The inspiration for me to earn a ham radio ticket was because of the C B band. I started out with an old 5 channel Gonset radio in the early 1960`s. At that time the C B band was pretty mild and it was a lot of fun. An FCC license was required and you were supposed to use that call sign when on the air. We all obeyed the rules.

As time progressed the band began to get more crowded and the language got a lot more rowdy. By that time I was a young father with 2 small children. Not realizing just how much the children listened to the radio I found myself in an awkward position when my son asked what the " F " bomb word was.

Now it was time for a change. If I was going to enjoy the radio hobby then what else was there? I do not remember who suggested ham radio, but it

steered me to a new direction. I started to study for a ham ticket in early 1975. The first hurdle was the Morse code. After a few months I had my 5 words a minute. With that being said, I was ready to take my test. I was scared and excited both at the same time.

During this period of time we were not as lucky as people are today. We had to drive to Rochester New York to the Federal building. After you signed in at the desk you were assigned a seat. Only your pencil was allowed on the desk. The room was dead quiet. The instructor started with C W first. He started with a series of the letter " V " and asked if everybody could hear ?

After the message was sent, 5 or 6 minutes, we were instructed to turn our papers over and lay down our pencils until everybody completed the C W portion of the test. Everybody passed the C W part. The only gotcha to this was that if you did NOT pass the C W you were not allowed to take the written portion of the test. I was among the fortunate ones who passed both portions. There were persons who passed the C W and failed the written. What a BUMMER!

After about 3 months wait, in the Autumn of 1975, an envelope arrived from the FCC. I WAS ON THE AIR as WN8OWJ novice. Here comes another gotcha ----

Your new Novice ham ticket was only good for C W ONLY !! And you had ONE YEAR to up grade to technician or your license would expire and you would have to do it all over again. The new people who embark into this hobby will have many memories of new friends that they have made and of the many friends they have made outside this country.

Upcoming Event

After a short business meeting, Martha and Mel Vye will present their travel in Panama and the traverse of the Panama Canal. The meeting starts at Noon on May 12 at Crossroads Restaurant at 11141 OH-800 C, Magnolia, OH 44643.



Ragchew

Don't forget the monthly ragchew at Tim's Tavern at Noon on the last Wednesday of the month. The address is 3323 Parkway Street NW, Canton Ohio 44708. All are invited. For you information that is April 25, May 30, and June 27 for the next quarter. Add these dates to your calendar.

Local Dues

The first of August 2017 was the beginning of the QCWA Chapter 21 fiscal year. If you have not already done so, please pay your local dues at the next meeting.



Some Local Hamfests

April 21, 2018 **Portsmouth Radio Club**,
17 Street Bingo Hall, 2313 17th Street
<https://www.facebook.com/w4pox/=2018>

April 29, 2018, **Athens County ARA**, 17
Street Bingo Hall, 2313 17, Sponsor:
Athens County Amateur Radio
Association, www.ac-ara.org

May 18-20 2018, **Dayton (Xenia)
Hamvention**, Greene County
Fairgrounds, Xenia OH, Dayton Amateur
Radio Association,
<http://hamvention.org/>

June 23-24, 2018, **ARRL Field Day**,
American Radio Relay League, <http://www.arrl.org>

July 29, 2018, **Portage Hamfair '18**, Ravenna, OH, HamfestPortage Amateur
Radio Club, <http://hamfair.com>

August 12, 2018, **Cuyahoga Falls ARC's 10th Annual Tailgate Hamfest**, Stow,
OH, The Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, <http://www.cfarc.org/tailgate.php>

September 23, 2018, **Cleveland Hamfest and Computer Show**, Berea, OH,
Hamfest Association of Cleveland, <http://www.hac.org>



Minutes

The minutes for the 1st Quarterly meeting of QCWA #21 are as follows:

The attendance was 15 people with 11 members. The meeting was called to order by Mel Vye, W8MV, the club's Vice President. Jim, N8PZL, requested articles for

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the next Newsletter. There was no financial report because Les Myers, KK8K, was not in attendance. Since then, Les has provided the following information:

*Treasure Report for Chapter 21 as of 2/27/18 Huntington Bank Account.
Account balance is 562.28. Petty cash 0. Les Myers Treasure.*

There was no old business or new business so the meeting was closed. A presentation by Wendy and Roger Gray was presented on “Israel and Jordan”.

If there are any additions or corrections, please contact the secretary at N8PZL@arrl.net.

