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Lunch Net, W8UPD

By Jim Grover, N8PZL

To continue the series on “How I Got Into Ham Radio” I thought I would write a short article. I taught at the University of Akron for 30 years and would go out to lunch each day so I could get some free time from the students and faculty. If I ate lunch in my office, eventually there would be a knock on the door and a “quick question” that took 20 minutes to answer would follow.

The organizer of the lunch destination fell to Rick Nemer, N8NOQ. Initially he was unlicensed because of the code requirement and he used the phone in a call around. The code requirement was dropped and he earned his technician privileges. He then pushed me to take the test. To push me over the top, he announced that he would only use the universities repeater to coordinate lunches. That was it I had to earn my technician privileges or go to lunch alone. We had a Lunch Net.

I passed the exam and became N8PZL, the “puzzler.” Since I had a minivan at the time I often would park in the Polymer Circle at the end of University Avenue and wait for others to arrive for a trip to lunch. One summer I was waiting with my side door open when three people jumped in that I did not know and they said “We are here for a tour to Dr. Bob’s house.” I forgot that this was AA Home Coming week. I explained that I was not here for the tour and they beat a hasty retreat. When they dropped the code requirement for General and Amateur Extra I took the General exam and passed it. About a year after that I earned my Amateur Extra.

I am active in Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club activities as the Education Chairman and QCWA 21 as the chapter secretary and newsletter editor.

Upcoming Event

It is summertime and time for a cruise around the Portage Lakes. Mel and Martha Vye have once again invited us to their home for a pontoon boat ride to lunch and back. Please RSVP by 30 July for the 3 August event. We will meet at noon at the Vye home at 71 Whitefriars Drive Akron Ohio. See <https://qcwa21.org/meetings/index.html> for a map. If you don’t RSVP in time you may find yourself eating alone and using your own transportation to the restaurant.



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 your information that is July 31, August 28 and September 25 for the next quarter. Add these dates to your calendar.

Local Dues

The first of August 2019 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 or rag-chew.



Some Local Hamfests

07/20/2019 | NOARSFEST

Location: Elyria, OH

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://noars.net/hamfests/noarsfest>

07/24/2019 | VAN WERT HAMFEST

Location: Van Wert, OH

Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8fy.org/>

07/28/2019 | PORTAGE HAMFAIR '19

Location: Ravenna, OH

Sponsor: Portage Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://portagearc.org/?page_id=41/

08/03/2019 | COLUMBUS OHIO HAMFEST

Location: Grove City, OH

Sponsor: Voice of Aladdin Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.columbushamfest.com/>



08/10/2019 | DX ENGINEERING HAMFEST

Location: Tallmadge, OH

Sponsor: DX Engineering

Website: <https://www.dxengineering.com/DXEFest>

08/25/2019 | SKYVIEW RADIO SOCIETY “SWAP N SHOP”

Location: New Kensington, PA

Sponsor: Skyview Radio Society

Website: <http://www.skyviewradio.net/>

08/31/2019 | 70TH ANNUAL GABFEST

Location: Uniontown, PA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Website: <http://www.w3pie.org>

Minutes

The minutes for the 2019^{2nd} Quarterly meeting of QCWA #21 are as follows:

QCWA

May 11, 2019

General Meeting @ Canal Grill, Canal Fulton, Ohio

Tour of Historical Ham Radio collection restored by Cid Vance K8JLY

15 members and guests were present at the Canal Grill for lunch followed by a brief Meeting. Pres. Mel Vye W8MV, called the meeting to order at 1:30PM.

Les Myers, KK8K. Reported that we currently had \$712.28 in the treasury.

Dennis Moriarty K8AGB, stated that the checking account at Huntington Bank is set up for three signatures namely: Dennis Moriarty, Les Myers and Perry Ballinger. He also mentioned that Huntington Bank will not charge to maintain the checking account in the future.

Les Myers mentioned that he had applications for National QCWA membership if anyone needed one.

Dennis Moriarty noted that on June 26 at the Madge Youtz library that there would be a public display of Ham Radio from 1 to 4PM sponsored by the Canton Amateur Radio Club. All are invited..

Mel Vye then advised us of the following future events:

- 1. Lunch meeting at Tim's Tavern the last Wednesday of May.*
- 2. The August General meeting would be hosted by Mel and Martha Vye at their house with a pontoon boat ride followed by lunch at the new Ramp Restaurant nearby at Portage Lakes.*
- 3. The November meeting will be hosted by Les and Karen Myers at their home.*

Judy McCune then mentioned that she had received an award for her service as secretary of our group from 2007 to 2018. Thanks Judy for all your good work.

Les Myers then moved and Harold Gutsher seconded that the meeting be adjourned...

.. Passed..

We then proceeded to the home and historical Mill of Cid Vance, K8JLY. This is no ordinary collection of miscellaneous equipment. Cid has restored to working order a huge collection of Ham equipment, both receivers and transmitters which he can turn on and operate using his call K8JLY. It is hard to describe the size of his collection and one can only guess the amount of time and effort it took to bring the pieces of equipment to spit and polish condition. I would think that the proper name for Cid's extensive display should be the Cid-sonian Museum. Thank you Cid for allowing us to open the door to some of Ham Radio's Past !!!!

(Minutes courtesy of Thom Price, KP2E)