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Hamventures 2022

Here what I did at Xenia this year at Hamvention 2022 this year. I volunteered for VE session on Friday and Saturday mornings. That gave me Friday and Saturday afternoon to go to the vendors and forums.

If you are interested here are the Laurel VE session statistics for the Hamvention 2022 – see Figure 1. These were provided by Phil Carter, WD8QWR, the Region 8 Coordinator for the Laurel VEC. DARA uses Laurel VEC because there is no exam fee associated with the test session relieving the session from dealing with money matters. The 71 element 2, technician license candidates that passed their exam were notified by the FCC with instruction on how to pay the \$35 applicant fee. The VEC and VE team members are not associated with this fee.

Applicants that failed by less than 3 questions were permitted to retest during that session. Those outside the window were asked to do some more studying and reapply for a later session.

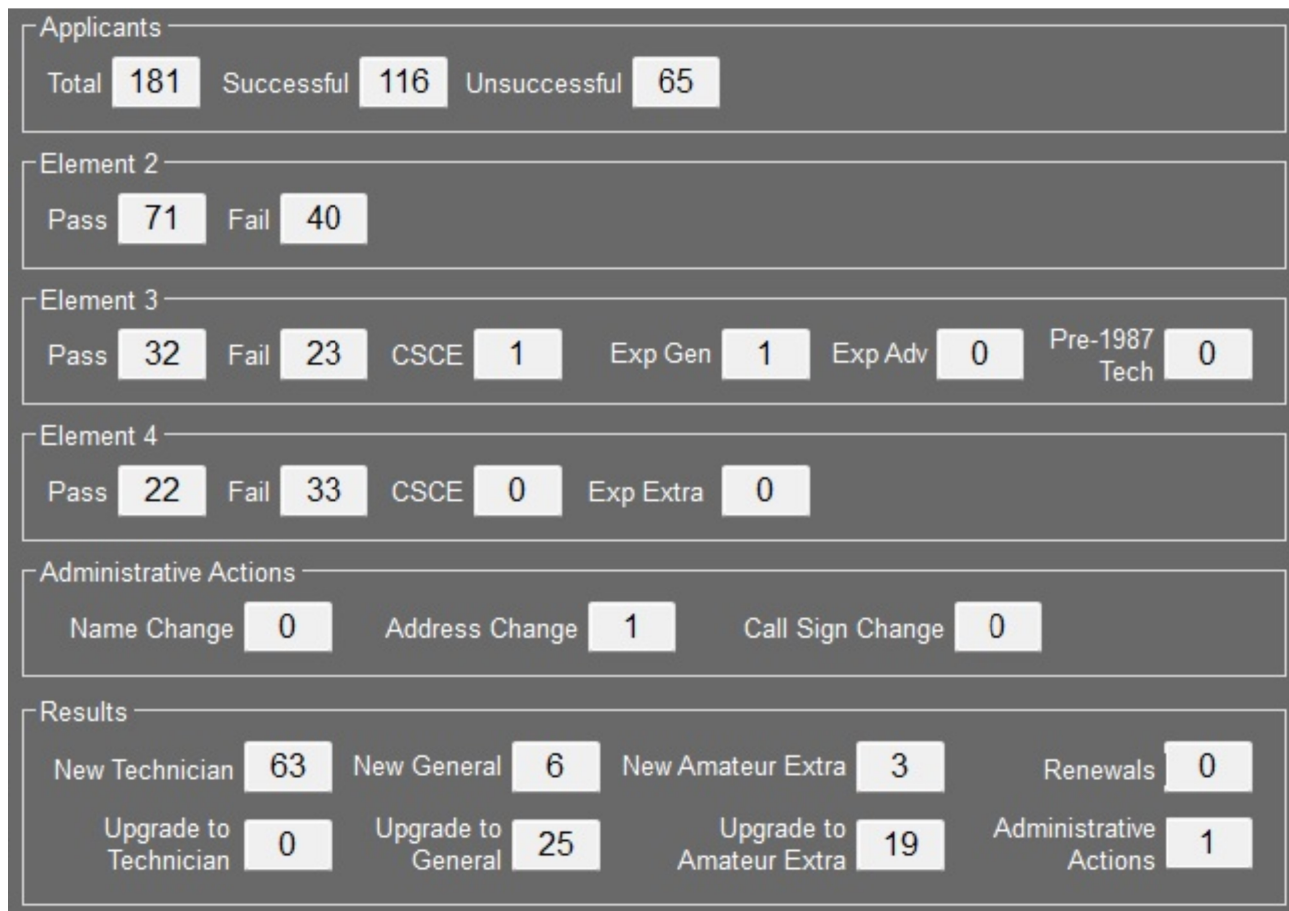


Figure 1: Session statistics for 2022

I went to several forums including the Annual QCWA meeting in Forum Room 4. The current QCWA President Ken Oelka, VE6AFO, called the meeting to order. Among other things, he discussed was the annual predicament. QCWA was incorporated in the State of New York. When incorporated the quorum is 50% of the membership plus one. At these annual meetings we have never come close to the 50+1 quorum required so the bylaws could be changed to a lower value such as 10% of the total membership.

Traversed the new equipment vendors and bought a technician and Amateur extra manual from “Gordo” who signed the title page for the intended recipient. There was a large collection of new stuff that was interesting, but I need to use what I have first. I think that goes against the Amateur Radio Law.

Updates

Jan 2022 Newsletter: The lead article in the January 2022 Newsletter was about Radio Altimeters and 5G. The FAA has finalized a plan to have all aircraft fitted with radio altimeters that receive signals out of band to be fixed by the end of the year. AT&T and Verizon will continue their “voluntary migrations” near airport to July 2023.

Apr 2022 Newsletter: The main article in the April 2022 Newsletter was about the new \$35 application fee. The FCC did indeed roll the fee out on the 19th of April. There were several major problems with the roll out. Some hams were being issued licenses without a call sign. By the end of April the glitches were ironed out and the process appears to be working without errors.

Newsletter Articles

The newsletter needs a few authors to write a short article to be included in the quarterly newsletters. The article should relate to amateur radio either completely or tangentially. Pictures are encouraged. Email them to N8PZL@arrl.net. Grab that keyboard or pen and write away.

Upcoming Event

It is time for the annual Pontoon on Portage. For the first 11 people that arrive at the Vye’s house there will be a nice boat ride around some of the Portage Lakes. For others they will need to go lunch by private car.

Time: August 27, 11:30 AM

Place: Mel and Martha Vye at 71 Whitefriars Drive, Akron, OH.

Please RSVP by 24 August via email to virginislesun@yahoo.com, Tom Price. Hope to see you on the 27th.



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 July 27th, August 31st, September 28th, and October 26th. Add these dates to your calendar.

Local Dues

The first of August 2022 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. National dues are collected via the QCWA.org web site.



Some Local Hamfests

08/21/2022 - Warren ARA Tailgate Swap Meet

Location: Cortland, OH

Sponsor: Warren ARA

Website: <http://facebook.com/w8vtd>

09/25/2022 - Cleveland Hamfest

Location: Berea, OH

Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland



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

10/30/2022 - Massillon Hamfest (OH)

Location: Green, OH

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8np.net>

Hamvention 70 Round-Up

The 2022 Hamvention attendance was down by about 1000 amateurs from 2019 Hamvention and was at 31,367. Remember the 2020 and 2021 dates were canceled. Mel Vye, W8MV, and I, N8PZL, were there as were many other hams. I did Friday morning and Saturday morning VE sessions.