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Welcome Spring while enjoying Our April 12 luncheon meeting

It's time for food, fellowship and more!

Let's spring ahead and put our snow memories behind us! With more outdoor activities on tap, what better time to hear about ham radio and marathons.



So we welcome guest speaker Cathy Saccany, KC9IQF, who is both a marathon runner and radio ham. She promises to explain the preparations needed for this grueling

26-mile race, her running strategies and how Amateur Radio is typically used during these major races.

Our meeting includes prizes, a raffle, and good fellowship, plus details of our new membership drive (see page four).

Last call for dues! Our Treasurer, Ray, W8SLZ, says that there are still members who have not paid their dues. Please be sure that you've paid *yours*. If not, you will be dropped from the chapter roster and the weekly net. ■



Wednesdays are net nights.
Join us at 8:00 p.m.
146.850, PL 110.9
QCWA news and information.

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A report on updates to Our repeater system

Improvements are underway

The W8LYD repeater that is used for the chapter's regular Wednesday night nets on 146.850 is being upgraded.

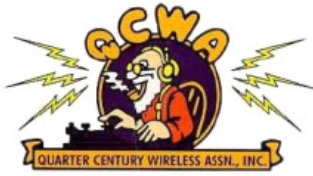
According to Ray Wassum, W8SLZ, the Radio Committee has installed a new Motorola solid state unit "with bells and whistles, and much is being done to see what can be used to the advantage of our members."



Ray reports that efforts are underway to obtain a site for an input on the southwest side for hams in that area that may be west of the Cuyahoga.

"The repeater is working very good with few problems," he says. "This permits our radio officer to start working on other items to make our machine even better." Parts are ordered, and when done and operating properly, members will be informed as to the enhancements." ■

Recruit a member & maybe a prize!



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25 years of QCWA: Flashback to 1983

Return with us now to 1983, a mere quarter century ago. Ronald Reagan was President, compact discs began replacing vinyl LPs, the FCC approved cellular phone testing in Chicago, a first-class stamp cost 21 cents, and 125 million TV viewers watched the final episode of M*A*S*H.

In 1983 Amateur Radio truly arrived in the space age. Owen Garriott, W5LFL, became the first ham in space and nearly 300 hams communicated with him via two meters as he orbited the earth. Another highlight was the successful June launch of OSCAR 10.

The FCC was studying dropping the Morse code requirement, but the ARRL strongly opposed it. The proposal was dropped by FCC, saying it had been put to rest once and for all.

The invasion of the Caribbean Island of Grenada was reported to the world by two hams there, KA2ORK and J37AH, who told the details via 20 meters. Also during 1983, hams provided communication help during Hurricane Alicia and floods in Louisiana and California.

R.L. Drake followed its popular TR-7 transceiver by introducing the new TR-5 in 1983. But hams rejected the 90-watt rig, a solidstate version of the TR4-CW, so Drake ended production after only 500 rigs. The following year it no longer manufactured ham radios.

And that's the way it was! ■



President's Perspective

By Dick Ingraham, WA8TPP

April

KE8TI	Bruce W. Thorne	04/04
W8JH	Joseph R. Hoffman	04/08
W8OOJ	Salen A. Wolf	04/11
KC8CUJ	Ted Knyszczek	04/13
KC8FQV	Mark Studer	04/14
W8MET	Metro Sinko	04/27

May

W1HEO	Devere E. Logan	05/03
WA8TPP	Richard E. Ingraham	05/06
SM5BVU	Richard C. Storm	05/08
K8DBT	Donald B. Thomas	05/18
W4EU	Earl Carter	05/28
WA8YVF	George Ingmand	05/29

June

KE9UL	Joseph Nocifora	06/07
W8MMC	Robert F. Briggs	06/11
WA8LYC	John R. Martin	06/12
K8ME	Dwayne P. Modock	06/16
W8HFE	Robert M Simmons	06/17
KA8YHZ	Vance S. Roth	06/17
W2NTB	Bernhard Hinrichsen	06/18
W8FDN	Richard L. Scott	06/20
W8BNT	Richard L. Petscher	06/20
W8HXC	Ralph H. Turner	06/21
WI3U	Henry L. Schultz Jr.	06/23



Hear weekly birthday announcements on the Chapter One QCWA net each Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.850.

April is just around the corner and with that we will have our second meeting of 2008 on Saturday, April 12th. We hope the weather will be good and our attendees will have no problems getting to Dimitri's.

Speaking of weather, we have had two meetings scheduled to resolve the details of our membership drive postponed due to weather. Hopefully we will be able to work it in before our April general meeting so that details may be made available. If possible, I hope everyone will start thinking of potential new members from their friends and associates.

I was lucky to find our Swedish member, Richard Storm, SM5VU, on CQ100 the other day. We had a very nice QSO and he wanted me to extend his best wishes to all our members. He said he and Doris were doing fine and are planning on traveling to Florida in April but probably wouldn't be able to be at the meeting. I wished them well from the Chapter.

One more note: please let George Keltner, K8SGM, our sunshine chairman, know of any members/spouses who are ill. Without your input George has a difficult time keeping tabs on the health of our members. His contact information is on page 2.

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting. 73

Prizes announced for recruiting new members in 2008!

Chapter one is focused on growing its membership in 2008, and is offering prizes for top recruiters and an incentive raffle to those who join us.

The person who enlists the most new chapter members between now and our October meeting will receive a \$100 AES gift certificate. The runner up will be given a \$50 gift certificate.

Each new member will be entered in a raffle, with the winner presented with a \$25 AES gift certificate. Awards will be announced at our October 11th meeting.

Membership applications for QCWA and our chapter are enclosed.

Start your recruiting efforts NOW! ■

**Weekly Net Report
By Jack Goldfarb, W8WGO**

December 2008 Check ins

5	24 members	1 listener	25 total
12	25 members	0 listeners	25 total
19	21 members	0 listeners	21 total
26	19 members	1 listener	20 total

January 2008

2	18 members	0 listeners	18 total
9	25 members	0 listeners	25 total
16	21 members	0 listeners	21 total
23	19 members	0 listeners	19 total
30	18 members	0 listeners	18 total

February 2008

6	19 members	0 listeners	19 total
13	18 members	0 listeners	18 total
20	19 members	1 listener	20 total
27	21 members	0 listeners	21 total