

Beaver State Chapter 108 of the QCWA  
Meeting Minute  
September 15th, 2026

On September 15th, 2026 an in-person meeting was held at Westside Pacific Restaurant & Saloon in Rickreall OR.

Attendees:

- Wayne AI9Q
- Luther KC7KVC
- Mike KG7BF
- Pat W7PAT
- Armand W7IG
- “Ev” Everett W6ABM
- Dee K7JRB
- Keith N7SLN
- David W7QH
- Stephanie (still hasn't taken the test....)

The informal part of the meeting started with folks arriving at 11:00. After lunch was served at 12:00 we began the formal part of the meeting with David W7QH welcoming everyone.

We then had a round robin with everyone introducing themselves and their favorite frequency band and mode to operate.

Wayne started it off indicating he liked digital modes. Luther does VHF mostly as well as FT8. Mike mentioned his focus right now is on the Americas 250. 6 meters was mentioned by some of us as fun but kinda dead right now. Pat has challenges on 80 and high noise, Armand indicated he is mostly on VHF because the trees have grown so he can't get out on HF, EV is getting into 6/2 side-band. Dee talked about his move into town and now with the one inverted vee antenna. Keith indicated low power and his love of FT-101's and David identified his four stations. The remote station was discussed a bit as well.

David W7QH then gave a synopsis of the trip from Monmouth to Dayton and back that Stephanie and he took towing their Airstream Trailer (Silver Twinkie) with stops along the way including Walker Lake NV, Carlsbad Caverns NM, His family's homestead farm in SW Missouri near the tiny town of Caplinger Mills, Stopping at KaKaska Indiana to feed the fire breathing dragon sculpture, visiting the VOA museum, the ½ mile long line to get in to Hamvention, seeing around 40,000 hams and about a thousand flea market pop-up tents outdoors inside a racetrack and in two fields as well as over 150 vendor

booths located in five buildings named Maxim, Tesla, Marconi, Volta and Hertz. David has a bunch of literature available if folks want to look. On the way back, Ryan Scott (N7QJ) waved as he and his friends drove by us on our way home. They talked on 146.52 for a while. He lives in Banks and is a friend of John AI7X as well as adept at repairing old rigs. He replaced the final assembly in the Kenwood TS-930 David uses in Tigard. They also stopped at Stephanie's grandfather's homestead farm in Adrian Oregon on the way back. The trip started in April and took most of May.

**Of particular note was the 50W liner amp he brought to show everyone**  
**<https://www.RFPowerTools.com>**

**and also the free on-line digital library of amateur radio materials located at:**  
**<https://archive.org/details.dlarc>**

As a side note - W7QH just went to it and found call-books – his call is listed in the Spring 1968 book when he lived at 930 Harris St SE Salem and had his general license, call WA7IQH. He had received his Novice earlier in Riddle, Oregon (WN7IQH) but he didn't find it listed in the Fall 1967 book. There wasn't a Winter 1967 book in the archive. He is guessing he actually received his license in the Summer of 1967 in Riddle. Probably the publication time was around 6 months from license to listing.

Also, the link to the Voice of America chronological events is:  
<https://voamuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/VOA-Museum-Timeline-Onjline.pdf>

And the museum itself: <https://voamuseum.org> has plenty to see.

Mike KG7BF then presented the financials. At the last meeting we had \$1105.22 in the checkbook. Since then we had expenses of \$662.98 and deposits of \$250 leaving a current balance of \$692.24. He itemized the expenses for the group.

Mike also mentioned that there are 53 active QCWA members in Oregon of which 16 are current dues paying members in Chapter 108 for 2026. He suggested we might want to focus on getting more of these folks to join the chapter. Mike and David will generate a letter/email to contact these folks.

We then had election of officers.

Everyone is willing to continue in their positions.

We're not certain whether Howard wants to bow out of being a board member, so Keith will be asking him about that.

The same officers and board members were unanimously re-elected for 2027

Keith volunteered to take on the webmaster position

We then discussed having displays at the hamfests and plan to do so at Swaptoberfest and Sea-Pac, but not to get a booth. This is primarily because we don't think we'll find people to be in the booth more so than the fee and that folks will see us at our various swap tables. (Maybe we'll change our minds and put something on a table at SEA-PAC such as a 75A-4 and a QR code and a map to flea market tables we're at, etc.) David W7QH got the job of bringing a 75A-4 and/or other interesting big radios as a lure. He will look over his collection and decide about that.

We all commented that the food was great and that we will probably have a meeting next year at the same restaurant, but that a lunch in the Portland area would be a good idea as well.

Next meeting TBD in the fall/winter.

Meeting concluded at approximately 1330.

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