

QCWA Beaver State Chapter 108  
Meeting Minutes  
July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

On Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2024, a meeting was held of the Beaver State Chapter 108 of the QCWA at the QTH of David Hackleman. Present were David Hackleman W7QH, Dee Lynch K7JRB, Keith Price N7SLN, Steve Stapleton W7IK, Mike Hurley KG7BF, Chuck Austin W7LBV and Pat Roberson W7PAT. Guests include Doug Austin, Mike Shelby W7RIS, Robert Clair KG7LPD, and Chris Lindsey W7WZA.

The informal part of the meeting began with folks arriving around 10:00. We had a chance to chat with each other and David, W7QH, was available to give tours of his vacuum tube radio museum. Lunch was available next (thank you David and Stephanie) and funded by a gift from Lois Martin.

After lunch Mike presented the chapter financials. As of July 27<sup>th</sup> there was \$1509.83 in the chapter checking account. He reported that \$4355.56 has been spent on the remote site thus far. This was funded by \$5569.63 from the sale of donated equipment. Additional financial details are available upon request. Keith N7SLN gave an overview of some of the donated items at the remote site and recognized those who have been donating their time.

Next Keith N7SLN gave an excellent detailed description of the design of the remote station. He also discussed the SmartSDR S/W by Flex and followed with a demonstration using the S/W to operate of the remote station. Dee Lynch K7JRB then demonstrated operating the remote station using a Flex Maestro

We then adjourned the formal part of the meeting and attendees could view David's Collins collection or go up on the hill to view the remote site.

Submitted by Mike Hurley KG7BF

Additional notes and comments from Chapter President David Hackleman  
W7QH:

I wish to thank everyone that was able to attend our Beaver State Chapter 108 of the QCWA meeting Saturday July 27, and also thank Armond and Millie for dropping by on Sunday. While the actual meeting was Saturday, we had a great time Sunday as well! Keith, your presentation was fantastic and thanks for the additional information from you, Dee, Mike (W7RIS), and Steve. Looking forward to a video for the future which I suspect Howard can post on our website with appropriate password control. Sorry my old movie screen had streaks, but at least the wall was nicely white! The demonstration of the Maestro running the hilltop remote station and the use of the application software "SmartSDR to accomplish the same was very enlightening. We all enjoyed a lunch sponsored by Lois Martin and some partook of the tour of the vacuum tube ham radio collections. Looking forward, I shall summarize our meeting and maybe throw in a picture or two to send to QCWA for an article about our event. It's not too early now to think about a get together for December, and several have already recommended we go to the Westside Pacific Restaurant in Rickreall again. As always, our weekly net at 8AM on 3860 KHz LSB has happened every week this year to date, and everyone is most welcome to drop in on it. Dee, Steve, those antennas seem to be doing quite well and I'm looking forward to trying things out myself later this year. Thanks, Mike, for the report that we've effectively used most of the money we received from the Dave Martin estate for such a great opportunity for us all. It was great to see Chuck W7LBV and his son Doug and of course VP Pat. Roberson W7PAT

Looking forward to our next on the air and in person meetings,