

Quartzfest 2022

January 23-29

I hope you've made plans to attend Quartzfest 2022. It will be our 25th anniversary Quartzfest.

Many of you may be wondering about Covid protocols for the event. If we remain in our current status with dropping covid rates, no masks will be required, however, that could change if we have another surge. We're not the covid police and won't be checking vaccination cards but trust that those not vaccinated will keep their distance from others and for your protection, wear masks. We won't be having tents up this year except for our welcome tent. All presentations will be outdoors including power point presentations. The power points will all be evening presentations..2 per evening. Of course, we'll still hold our daily seminars...hopefully, 8 per day.

Speaking of seminars, we need to hear from you if you're interested in giving a presentation. Tracy is scheduling this year. You can contact him by shooting him an email at wm6t@arrl.net . As power points will be limited this year, we're hopeful that we can have many of you with hands on or visual type presentations.

Our DX Distance Challenge is all set and ready to go with rules already established. Here's a write up from the Northern Arizona DX Association. They are the sponsoring organization for the Challenge.

"DISTANCE CHALLENGE COMPETITION

Quartzfest(QF) 2022

The Northern Arizona DX Association will again, be conducting the " Distance Challenge"(DC) competition

in January 2022 .

All QF registered attendees will have a chance to enter the competition to see who can make the longest distance contact from the QF site.

We will have 4 classes of entries including:

Class A = SSB or CW - 100 watts max power

Class B = FT-8 - - - - - 100 watts max power

Class C = QRP - - - - - 5 Wwatts max power

Class D = W7Q (SSB/CW or FT-8 *) 100 watts max

* (One W7Q winner and one runner up)

Participants can enter only one of these Classes and one mode. First entry submission locks you into that class for entire 3 days of competition.

We will have close to \$2000 in prizes to give out to the 4 winners and runners up from sponsors like Heil Sound, CABLE X-PERTS, Alpha Antennas, the DX Store, Comet Antennas, Mp Antennas, N3FJP logging software, Cameleon Antennas, DX Engineering , and we are expecting more!

IMPORTANT=YOU MUST BE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONIES TO WIN!!!!

The GRAND CHAMPS IN EACH CLASS will be presented with a unique trophy Hard hat, complete with a solar panel to operate a fan, light and it even has a USB port. These are sponsored by our friends at CABLE X-PERTS!!

Don't think you need a big antenna to win, because

in 2020, the QRP winner used a Ham stick antenna!
Amazing!! Also, you don't have to enter each of the 3
days of competition!

All the rules and regulations will be posted on
our club website of www.nadxa.com by November
4th, so make you plans to attend QF, enter the DC
competition, and have some fun! “

Tom, our Special event station lead has also been busy getting things
set up for our W7Q station. This year, operations will be out of the
Northern Arizona DX Associations communications trailer. The trailer
has 3 stations set up..one will be used for the W7Q operations using an
ICOM radio loaned to us by ICOM. To see pictures of the comm trailer,
visit www.nadxa.com

To answer some questions, yes we'll hold our pot luck dinner Tuesday
evening, yes we'll have our annual pet parade, yes we'll have VE
amateur radio exams both Wednesday and Saturday and yes we'll have
our annual yard sale swap meet Saturday morning.

That's all I have for now; Lyn and I are looking forward to seeing you all.

73,

Kris and Lyn

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