



The above photo is entitled “The Queen And Princess Of D-Star”. This was taken at one of the first Hamventions in Xenia, Ohio...having moved from Dayton a few years earlier.

On the left is the late Connie Ballantyne, KB0ZSG. She ran the International D-Star Net for many years, but had to turn it over to Steve Reiners, KC9SIO, upon her diagnosis of breast cancer. Sadly, she lost her battle in late February, 2020...and she is sorely missed.

The reflector has been “renamed” from “One Charlie” (according to the ITU Phonetics), to “One Connie” in her memory. That net still meets on Reflector 1C every Sunday evening at 7pm US Central Time. The net can last until after midnight US Time, and have well over 100 checkins, from all over the world. Steve Reiners, KC9SIO, is Net Control.

On the right is Danielle Eddington, KE8JNU...daughter of Dan Eddington, N8YMD, and Cindy Coons-Eddington, KE8JNT. She passed her Technician exam prior to Hamvention...then passed her General a month after Xenia Hamvention, and her Amateur Extra exam a month after that...all when she was only 9 years old!!

Danielle runs the Young Operators Digital Voice Net, at 6pm US Central Time, on the QuadNet Array. Go to www.openquad.net for connection options for D-Star, DMR, WIRES, or System Fusion.