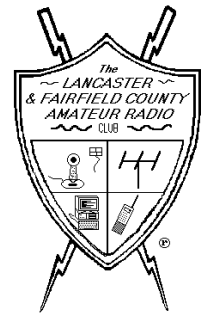


The Ragchewer



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The Monthly
News Letter
of The
Lancaster &
Fairfield
County
Amateur
Radio Club

Club Meetings:

1st Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Club House on State Route 37 (Granville Pike) next to Beavers Field.

Radio Night:

Every Thursday of every month (Except 1st Thursday) at the Club-house, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on State Route 37 (Granville Pike) next to Beavers Field.

Net:

Mondays 8 p.m.
147.030 MHz (+.6)
146.700 MHz (-.6)
Alternate Freq.
443.875 MHz (+5)

Club Packet BBS:

145.53 MHz
K8QIK-1 BBS
K8QIK-2: OHIO53
(Club Node)

From the Editor:

OK, It's about time for Spring to come! I'm @!# tired of this cold weather! It's time for me to turn my thoughts to hamfests, cookouts, Field Day and ... yes, of course, DAYTON!!!

I plan on enjoying it this year as always and spending time looking at all the neat junk in the flea market. Who knows, I might be tempted to have a few cold refreshments and perhaps purchase something else that I might not have otherwise done.

This is ham radio Mecca! A three day event that eclipses all the rest. Oh, you can say "I don't need anything so I won't be going" or you can say "I have something more important to do (like cut the lawn)." But, you won't be able to replace the great memories that include stopping for breakfast with your buddies on the way, or spending time with you friends, or seeing someone again that you only see that one time a year, or the warm sun, or the new equipment that debuts in May. Need I go on?

I suggest that you think seriously about attending. Save some of your money (you can do it!). Get creative about earning some extra cash (ask Tom , he knows how). Bum a ride with some of the other Club members that are going, I'm sure some of them may have room in their car or they may just welcome the company on the ride over and back.

If you like QRP (or you feel that you have a long life ahead of you and don't mind trying to work the world on 5 watts), check out Thursday before the show starts. It's part of what they call "Four Days in May".

Do yourself a favor. You deserve it! Go to Dayton this year, May 18-20. Advanced tickets will be available at Universal Radio in early April.

AWARDS... AWARDS... AWARDS...

CODE PROFICIENCY PROGRAM

TOM MOORE, KB8USK

Evaluate your Morse code ability through the ARRL Code Proficiency program. Copy one of the W1AW's twice monthly qualifying runs (sent at speeds from 10-40 WPM on virtually all bands--see W1AW schedule), and submit 1 solid minute of solid copy and a SASE (9 x 12 with 2 oz. U.S. Postage for certificate, small for endorsement) to HQ.

Your submission will be checked directly against the official W1AW text, and if you pass, you'll get your initial code proficiency certificate. From then on, endorsement stickers are issued for speeds up to 40 WPM. Non-hams and hams alike are eligible for the Code Proficiency program.



MIR, SK (Mar 23, 2001) -- Take off your steel hardhats and protective tinfoil beanies. The Russian *MIR* space station was brought down early today--apparently safely and according to plan. The only thing that got pelted with space debris was the Pacific Ocean. Over its 15 years, *MIR* housed Amateur Radio gear and hosted several Amateur Radio operators as crew members, who often used the ROMIR call sign.



Skipper Critical after Pirate Shooting; Trinidad Ham Provides New Details

(Mar 26, 2001) -- The Swedish skipper of a sailboat, who was shot after pirates boarded his vessel March 20 off the coast of Venezuela, remains hospitalized in Trinidad. The victim has been identified as Bo Altheden, SM7XBH, of Bjärred, Sweden. Hams on the Maritime Mobile Service Net assisted Altheden and his wife, ViVi-Maj Miren, when Miren put out a call for help on 20 meters after her husband was shot once in the abdomen.



Europe Adopts 5 WPM as Morse Code Standard (Mar 21, 2001) -- The Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations--CEPT--has effectively lowered the Amateur Radio Morse code test speed to 5 WPM for all European countries. The CEPT Radio Regulatory Working Group (WGRR), meeting last month in The Hague, adopted a revision of Recommendation 61-02 to include the 5 WPM standard.

HEATH VE EXAM SESSION BIG SUCCESS

The VE Exam session held at the Masonic Temple in Heath, Ohio, on March 24, was a big success. 9 people took tests and 8 licenses were earned. They include: 4 General, 3 Technician, and 1 Technician with HF privileges. The VE's who participated were: John Mellett - W8NM, Fritz Tender - WD8E, John Black - WD8D, Carl Deaver - AA8YY, Doug Marsh - N8TUT, Allen Sellers - KB8JLG, and Harry Vollmer - W8LXC.

HAVE A BLAST! ATTEND RADIO NIGHT ON THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM



Upcoming Central Ohio Amateur Radio Exams:

Date	City	Location	Contact	Phone Number
Apr. 22	Lancaster	Red Cross – 121 W. Mulberry (Rear) Walk-ins allowed	Allen Sellers, KB8JLG	740-654-8167
May 12	Columbus	Capital Univ. Law School 303 E. Broad St. - Rooms 229 & 230 Walk-ins allowed	Frank J. Piper, KI8GW	614-833-1926 (after 6 pm)
May 26	Heath	Masonic Temple 875 Irvingwick Drive W. No Walk-ins allowed – Pre-registration only	John H. Mellett, W8NM	740-587-5264

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Hello Everyone!

Mock Disasters, CPR classes, Weather Spotter Seminars... All big things happening already this year! We are entering into the season where bicycle races and walk-a-thons will be in need of communications and our Club will be asked to provide their skills to help these events go off smoothly and safely. Please, volunteer when asked.

Edward Campbell, Sr.
Emergency Coordinator – Fairfield County

April Birthdays.....

KC8DJP - Virginia "Ginny" Steible - 1
WA8VCV - Richard G. Smith - 2
WA8WRM - William L. Tschopp - 2
W8HOS - James E. Whitaker - 4
N8EKL - Douglas S. Tenney - 5

KC8MZB - Edward J. Chilcote -15
N8WLQ - Merle "Ed" Dietz -17
KC8NQE - Becky Numbers -17
KB8NRR - Anna B. Campbell - 19

Happy Birthday to all!

In March's Ragchewer, listed under the birthdays, was WA8YSC - Ivor "Hollywood" Rutan's name. His birthday is in May. We apologize for the error and for any pain and suffering that this has caused him. "Hi, Hi!. We'll get you again in May, Hollywood.

Check our Web Site at: www.qsl.net/k8qik This is a Club site and all are welcome to submit articles for publication. Send articles to Kevin Numbers at: kc8mtv@arrl.net or knumbers@lucent.com

Do you have items for the **Ragchewer**? If so, send them by e-mail to: Fred Stutske, W8FZ at: w8fz@arrl.net In order to improve Club Communications and update the member list, all Members are urged to send there e-mail address (by e-mail) to Fred as soon as possible.

CW LEARNING NET

The CARA CW Learning Net is Every Friday night at 8:00 P.M. on the K8NIO repeater 145.490 (-). Portion of 2 hour net is devoted to letter learning and the balance to QSO designed to promote speed development. Carl, AA8YY is Net Control.

SLOW SCAN TV NET

The COSSTV (Central Ohio Slow Scan TV), <http://www.qsl.net/n8tut/sstv>, Net is the first Sunday of every Month at 7:00 PM. The group meets on the K8NIO repeater 145.490 (-). All you need is a 2 m radio, a computer with a sound card and the W95SSTV software. The Software is available on the internet at <http://www.siliconpixels.com/W95SSTV/W95dload.htm> .

Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2001

March 1, 2001. The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Snoke, N8KZN.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said with 16 members present.

Marie Moore, KB8VOL, announced that Becky Numbers, KC8NQE, delivered a big boy, 8 lbs., 11.8 oz. His name is Isaac Hunter. He arrived 6 weeks early. He is in the ICU unit at Ohio State University Hospital. Becky will be home in a couple of days. We wish him well and will be thinking of him and the family.

Motion was made to accept the minutes of the February meeting by Tom Moore, KB8USK; seconded by Larry Wright, KB8AHK.

Ed Campbell, WD8PGO, gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept by Fred Stutske, W8FZ, seconded by Gene Smith, N8BUS. Ed also mentioned that the copier needed a new wiper blade and Larry Wright, KB8AHK, took it in for the repair. A motion was made by Tom Moore, KB8USK, to pay Larry for having it fixed, seconded by Harry Vollmer, W8LXC.

James Whitaker, W8HOS, who is a member of our club, donated antennas and a tower to the club. They were taken down by Charlie Snoke, N8KZN, Ed Campbell, WD8PGO, and Larry Wright, KB8AHK.

Gary Hanna, KC8HCD, said the 146.700 machine was up and running, but the phone patch was not working.

Charlie Snoke, N8KZN, mentioned that Ed Deitz, N8WLQ, is feeling better and is back on the air.

Fred Stutske, W8FZ, mentioned that he may try to send the Ragchewer in zip file.

Winner of the flower fund was Gene Smith, N8BUS. He donated the money back to the flower fund.

Winner of the 50-50 was won by Larry Wright, KB8AHK, He donated the money back to the club.

In the March issue of the Ragchewer the birthday list stated that Ivor "Hollywood" Rutan, WA8YSC, was having a birthday in March. We were informed by "Hollywood" that his birthday is not until May. We are very sorry for the error!

Ed Campbell, WD8PGO, who is the Emergency Coordinator for the Red Cross, passed out flyers for the 4th annual "CPR" Saturday. This will be held on March 31, 2001 at Fairfield Career Center. To find out the time and cost call the Red Cross at (740) 687-5585.

Charlie Snoke, N8KZN, stated that we are still in need of a net manager. If anyone is interested, contact Charlie. Doing the net for March is: March 5th - Tom Moore, KB8USK; March 12th - Gene Smith; N8BUS, March 19th - Charlie Snoke, N8KZN and March 26th - Fred Stutske, W8FZ. It was decided that during newsline, the net control will ID every 10 minutes.

Harry Vollmer, W8LXC, will be bringing refreshments for the April meeting. Ray Webb will be talking about RF. We need people to sign up ahead of time for refreshments.

Allen Sellers, KB8JLG, is now teaching a Morse Code class on Sundays at 1:00 pm. at the club house. The first class had 9 participants. We are now up to a total of 12.

Thank you was given to Fred Stutske, W8FZ, for doing such a good job on the Ragchewer.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Moore, KB8USK, seconded by Kay Hanna, KC8HJW.

STATION OPERATION AND THE LAW

Occasionally, we need to be reminded of our responsibilities as amateur radio operators to uphold the laws that we learned, tested, and guaranteed with our signatures on the license we received in the mail from the FCC. A few of the regulations from the FCC Rule Book can be sighted to refresh our memories and to make sure that we protect ourselves, the club, and the trustees from receiving unwanted notices from Riley Hollingsworth.

Sec. 97.5 Station license required. (a) When a station is transmitting, the person having physical control of the apparatus must hold an FCC-issued written authorization for an amateur station.

Sec. 97.101 General standards. (d) No amateur operator shall willfully or maliciously interfere with or cause interference to any radio communication or signal.

Sec. 97.103 Station license responsibilities. (a) The station licensee is responsible for the proper operation of the station in accordance with the FCC Rules.

Sec. 97.105 Control operator duties. (a) The control operator must ensure the immediate proper operation of the station, regardless of the type of control.

Sec. 97.113 Prohibited transmissions. (a) No amateur station shall transmit: (4) Music using a phone emission except (e) ...incidental music, originating ... between a space shuttle and its associated Earth stations); communications intended to facilitate a criminal act; messages in codes or ciphers intended to obscure the meaning thereof, except as otherwise provided herein (see (e) insert above); obscene or indecent words or language; or false or deceptive messages, signals or identification.

Sec. 97.119 Station identification. (a) Each amateur station, except a space station or tele-command station, must transmit its assigned call sign on its transmitting channel at the end of each communication, and at least every ten minutes during a communication, for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions. No station may transmit, any call sign not authorized to the station.

As we can see the Rules are quite clear as to the responsibilities of each of us as amateur radio operators. Lets preserve our hobby and the rights we have and enjoy, by following these rules, promoting them regularly, and policing our air waves as needed.

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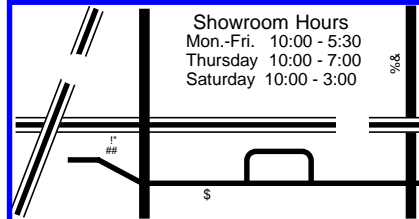
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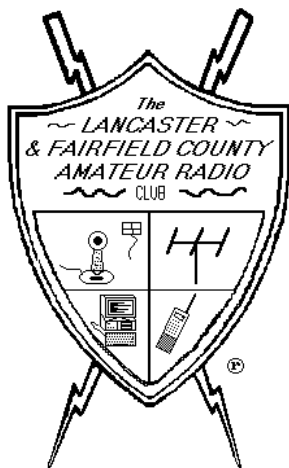
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Edgar Dempsey, KD8XL
Phone: 740-286-3239

Sunday, April 29, 2001
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Athens Recreation Center
733 East State Street
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Drew McDaniel, W8MHV
Phone: 740-592-2106
e-mail: dmcdaniel@ohiou.edu

Here's the APRIL 2001 Ragchewer!

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- ◆ **Awards**
- ◆ **Upcoming Exams**
- ◆ **Public Service Communications**
- ◆ **Repeater/Net News**
- ◆ **Up coming Events**
- ◆ **And More.....**