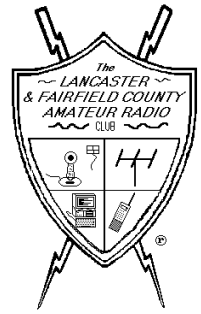


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News Letter
of The
Lancaster &
Fairfield
County
Amateur
Radio Club

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 Thurs-
day) 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 9 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)



New Club Officers
Congratulations

And many thanks to the outgoing
Leaders

December birthdays Happy Birthday To All

Max VanFossen - KC8JBH - December 2nd
Charles O'Hare - WA8DEB - December 11th
Grant Howlett - KE8YG - December 12th
Chris Strawn - KC8JIX - December 25th
Donard "Tuffy" Clum - WA8ZUU - December 27th
Chuck Bruckelmeyer - W8LCT - December 28th

TO OUR STATION ENGINEER, JOHN, W8OF: THANKS, FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR CLUB AND FOR MAINTAINING OUR REPEATERS!!

**The Lancaster
and Fairfield
County Amateur
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**2001/2002
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Larry Wright
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WB8DHG

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WD8PGO

Secretary:
Candice Wright
KC8NQG

Activities:
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KB8USK

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W8OF

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W9ZZX

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653-9092
and
Connie Snoke,
N8LPC
654-4582

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Chuck Bruckelmeyer,

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**Edward Campbell, WD8PGO
Fairfield Co. EC**

Holiday Parade

Hi everybody ! We need all the help we can get, so be ready .Have your ht's charged up.
October 17, meet at covered bridge or the club
Trailer at 8:30 a.m. See you there.

Upcoming Central Ohio Amateur Radio Exams:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Nov. 10 K18GW	9:00 AM 614-833-1926	Columbus	Capital Univ. Law School 303 E. Broad St. Rm. 229/230	Frank Piper,	
Walk-ins allowed					

**Drop in and see us on Radio Night,
Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM.**

Check out our Club Web Site at: www.qsl.net/k8qik

CENTRAL OHIO CW LEARNING NET

The CW Learning Net is Every Friday night at 8:00 P.M. on the W8CMH 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 2m 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> .

LANCASTER-FAIRFIELD COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Monthly Meeting Notes ** November 1, 2001

The monthly meeting was brought to order by president, Charlie Snoke, N8KZN
The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Trustee, Richard Schleiffer, W9ZZX

The new officers were sworn in by Trustee Richard Schleiffer

- C **President: Larry Wright, KB8AHK**
- C **Vice-President: William Migley, WB8DHG**
- C **Secretary: Candy Wright, KC8NQG**
- C **Treasurer: Ed Campbell, Sr. WD8PGO**
- C **Activity Manager: Tom Moore, KB8USK**

New Member:

Frances Whited, associate member

Secretary's Report:

Candy Wright - KC8NQG Report was read from the October 4, 2001 meeting. Motion to accept made by Bob Bickel, N8UTE, seconded by Richard Schleiffer, W9ZZX

Treasurer's Report:

Ed Campbell - WD8PGO Report read for the month of November, 2001
Motion to accept made by Jim Gaffney, N8JEG, seconded by Tom Moore, KB8USK

Activities:

Tom Moore - KB8USK reported that the Christmas Party will be held on December 8th, 2001 (Saturday) at Donatos on West Fair Avenue in Lancaster from 6:30 to 10:00 pm.

V. E. Testing:

Harry Vollmer - W8LXC reported that the next testing will be December 16th, 2001. at the Red Cross building on Mulberry Street.

Net Control:

Brenda Van Dyke - KC8OYP thanks Brenda for doing a good job on the net

Flower Fund:

Marie Moore - KB8VOL Connie Snoke, N8LPC, was the winner

Emergency Coordinator:

Ed Campbell - WD8PGO reported that the Holiday parade will be November 17, 2001.
The club trailer will be serving. Many volunteers are needed.

Station Engineer:

John Hilliard - W8OF the 146.700 repeater is back to its original location

50-50 Fund:

Connie Snoke - N8LPC reported that there was no winner

Old Business:

- C Charlie Snoke - N8KZN reported on the skating party at the Amanda Roller Rink. Tentative date of Tuesday, November 27, 2001 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. More information will be reported on the Monday Night Net.
- C Charlie brought in a box for canned food and donations for a family at Christmas time as we did last year. The box will be in the meeting room.

New Business:

- C Richard Schleiffer - W9ZZX suggested that we send the outgoing officers a thank you card for an outstanding job for the year of 2000 - 2001.
- C A motion was made by Fred Stutske - W8FZ for the club to pay for door prizes for the Christmas Party as in the past, seconded by Scott Snoke - WD8IXO

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Bickel, N8UTE, seconded by Richard Schleiffer, W9ZZX

Subject: New SSTV 2 mtr net

FYI Folks,

Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club in Chillicothe has started a 2 mtr SSTV monthly net 1st Monday of each month at 8:30pm on either 146.850 (-) or 146.925 (-)

Images of past nets available at
<http://www.qsl.net/w8bap/sstv.htm>
this past net:
<http://www.qsl.net/w8bap/sstv01/11/sstv11.html>

Clubs main web page
<http://www.qsl.net/w8bap>

Links have been added to the Central Ohio SSTV web site
<http://www.qsl.net/n8tut/sstv>

73
Carl

MOONLIGHT MADNESS

There were 11 members who attended the Moonlight Madness on October 19, 2001 at the radio club from 9:00 to 12:00. They are as follows: Charlie, N8KZN and Connie Snoke, N8LPC; Ed, WD8PGO and Carolyn Campbell, KB8ZBV; Harry Vollmer, W8LXC; Ralph Howes, W8BVH; Tom Moore, KB8USK; Gary, KC8HCD and Kay Hanna, KC8HJW, and Larry, KB8AHK and Candy Wright, KC8NQG. Everybody had plenty to eat and a good time. We would like to see more people attend the functions that are put on.

From the Club Librarian

Hello everybody

We are trying to add to the Club library, we need any QST old or new. Or any other ham related reading material. Please see William Migley if you have anything to donate.

UNIVERSAL RADIO TOP 80 ITEMS: Prices & Specials Catalog 01-01 Update
Printed: 11/06/2001

ALINCO *Alinco promotion ends 12/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#4238	DJ-196T	\$139.95		\$139.95	66
#1598	DJ-596T	219.95	New item!	219.95	
#0472	DJ-V5TH	229.95		229.95	66
#0222	DJ-X 2T	219.95		219.95	
#3610	DJ-X10T	329.95	Sale. Free Book #3301	329.95	15
#2020	DJ-X2000T	835.00	New item!	499.95	16
#1980	DR-135T	169.95		169.95	62
#4236	DR-135TP	269.95		269.95	62
#3621	DR-605TQ	349.95		349.95	62
#1387	DR-610TQ	439.98		439.98	62
#0033	DX-70TH	749.95		749.95	57
#3689	DX-77T	739.95		739.95	57

AOR *AOR promotion ends 12/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#3265	AR-8200MkII	\$559.95	Free Book #3301	\$559.95	15
#0860	AR-8600	\$849.95	Free Book #3301	\$849.95	16

DRAKE

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0082	R8B	1348.95	Free Book #1000	1348.95	5

GRUNDIG

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#4040	MiniWorld 100	\$44.95	New lower price	\$29.95	21
#0800	Satellit 800	499.95	Free et/cn. ESP2000SL	499.95	20
#0300	YB-300PE	79.95	New lower price	79.95	21
#0400	YB-400PE	169.95	New lower price	149.95	21

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ICOM *ICOM promotion ends 12/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1610	207H	\$299.95	Free OPC-600	\$299.95	61
#3450	706Mk2-g	1069.95	\$150 Off + Free RMK706	919.95	58
#0718	718	699.95	\$125 Off Coupon	574.95	58
#0657	746	1469.95	\$200 Coupon & Log Book	1269.95	58
#4019	756 Pro	2649.95	\$250 Off Coupon	2399.95	58
#1756	756 Pro II	2999.95	New!	2999.95	
#1256	2100H	179.95	\$10 Off Coupon	169.95	61
#1153	2800H	539.95	\$50 Off Coupon	489.95	61
#3100	PCR100-12	239.99		239.99	13
#3628	PCR1000-02	399.99	\$50 Off Coupon	349.99	13
#2488	R 2-06	179.95	CSWHHRX & \$20 Coupon	159.95	15
#3333	R 3-26	469.95	Sale & \$100 Off Coupon	369.95	12
#3650	R10-05	349.99	CSWHHRX & \$50 Coupon	299.99	14
#0175	R75	779.95	Sale & \$200 Off Coupon	569.95	6
#1850	R8500-02	1699.95	Free Book #3301	1449.99	13
#4429	T2H Sport	99.95		99.95	
#3052	T7H	199.95		199.95	64
#3795	T81A	299.95	\$20 Off Coupon	279.95	64
#0088	V8	164.95	New!	164.95	
#0838	W32A	259.95		259.95	64

JAPAN RADIO CO. *ICOM promotion ends 12/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1545	NRD-5450sp	1799.95	Free JRC ST-3	1799.95	8

KENWOOD *Kenwood promotion ends 12/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1575	TH-22ATK2	\$219.95		\$219.95	63
#1784	TH-79AKSS	369.95		369.95	63
#4211	TH-D7AG	419.95		419.95	63
#0066	TH-F6A	389.95	New!	389.95	
#3699	TH-G71A(H)	269.95		269.95	63
#2184	TM-261A	169.95		169.95	60
#4116	TM-D700A	599.95		599.95	60
#0912	TM-742AD	629.95		629.95	60
#1821	TM-G707A	299.95		299.95	60
#3585	TM-V7A	429.95		429.95	60
#1862	TS-570D(e)	1099.95	Free Heil Mic	1049.99	54
#2519	TS-570S(e)	1299.95	Free Heil Mic	1249.99	54
#1978	TS-2000	2199.95	\$250 Coupon & Heil Mic	1949.95	54
#2797	TS-2000X	2699.95	\$250 Coupon & Heil Mic	2449.95	54
#1937	TS-B2000	1799.95	\$250 Coupon & Heil Mic	1549.95	54

SANGEAN *Sangean promotion ends 12/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#2181	ATS-404	\$89.95		\$89.95	22
#3505	ATS-505P	129.95		129.95	
#3319	ATS-606AP	119.95	Sale to 10/31/01	99.99	22
#0936	ATS-808A	119.95		119.95	22
#2754	ATS-818	149.95		149.95	22
#1059	ATS-818ACS	199.95		199.95	22
#1909	ATS-909	239.95	Free SR1BC AM/FM #4263	239.95	22

SONY

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0841	ICF-2010	\$349.95		\$349.95	18
#0007	ICF-SW07	399.95		399.95	19
#0017	ICF-SW11	49.95		49.95	20
#2493	ICF-SW77	469.95		469.95	18
#0111	ICF-SW100S	359.95		359.95	19
#1994	ICF-SW1000T	449.95		449.95	18
#0360	ICF-SW7600GR	169.95	New!	169.95	

YAESU *Yaesu promotion ends 12/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#2788	FRG-100B	\$599.95	\$100 Coupon	\$499.95	11
#3070	FT-50RD-41	269.95	\$50 Coupon	219.95	65
#1242	FT-90R		\$50 Coupon	329.99	61
#3473	FT-100D		\$150 Coupon	949.99	57
#2319	FT-840	729.95	\$100 Coupon	629.95	56
#0817	FT-817	749.95	\$100 Coupon	649.95	56
#1467	FT-847	1799.95	\$450 Coupon	1349.95	56
#1955	FT-920	1499.95	\$250 Coupon	1249.95	56
#2360	FT-1000MP-V		\$500 Coupon	2699.99	56
#2738	FT-1500M	219.95	\$50 Coupon	169.95	62
#3969	FT-2600M	219.95	\$50 Coupon	169.95	62
#3774	FT-3000M	399.95		399.95	62
#0071	FT-7100M	439.95	\$150 Coupon	289.95	
#0120	VR-120	199.95	\$50 Coupon	149.95	
#0500	VR-500	309.95	\$100 Coupon	209.95	15
#0050	VR-6000	899.95	\$200 Coupon	699.95	15
#3652	VX-1R	199.95	\$30 Coupon	159.95	65
#1795	VX-5R	339.95	\$50 Coupon	289.95	65
#4430	VX-5RS	339.95	\$50 Coupon	289.95	65
#3187	VX-150/64B	159.95		159.95	65



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ARRLWeb: The Magic Band is acting like David Copperfield this Week!

The Magic Band is acting like David Copperfield this Week!

By Dave Patton, NT1N

November 2, 2001

Six meters, affectionately called the Magic band by enthusiasts, has come alive for real this week. Stations around the world are completing intercontinental contacts and finishing DXCCs on the band.

The fairly rare and very cyclical F2 propagation that is making these contacts possible has started getting really hot, and of course has done the same good things for 10 meters too. A bit of Aurora is accompanying these great conditions. This is par for the course with solar flux numbers over 230 and an active sun. The Aurora sometimes enhances conditions and occasionally causes noticeable short-term improvements in north-south propagation as well as "Auroral E" skip--multi-hop propagation that acts like E-skip across the Auroral regions.

A few weeks ago we asked our readers to rate the 6 meter DX so far this cycle. The results showed a bit of disappointment with Old Sol, but today that survey would be much more positive.

About 1100 UTC on November 2, much of Europe was having a ball working DU, ET3, J28, VK4, VK6, VU, XU, XV, XW, and others on the band. A bit later the band opened to the US and lucky New Englanders had a brief shot at 5R8, FR, D44, and Z2 stations. Although the band died out quickly in the Northeast it improved tremendously across the rest of the country. QSOs from the South, Midwest, even the Southwest went into the logs of Z22JE and VP8DBL. KB6NAN wrote on packet "I am in Shock" after working Z22JE in Zimbabwe.

The list of DX that seems to be available daily to Southern European stations is enough to make one drool this week: 7Q7, ZS, D6, FR, TT8, TR0, ET3, 9G, 8Q7, 5N, SU, and on and on...

Earlier in the week New England stations logged pages of DX from Latin America and parts of Europe including, YV, P4, OA, HK, HP, TI, YS, 9Y, FY, PA, ON, 9A, LZ, YO, S5, I, IT9, IS0, 9H, the British Isles, France, and many others. There was even a 10 minute opening to SM and OH on Tuesday, October 30. Stations across the West Coast have had great runs of stations in Japan and daily activity into the Pacific.

Some of the most active stations include a terrific operation by the guys at E30NA in Eritrea, who were copiable across much of the world every day they were active. The DXpedition to Ghana, signing 9G5AN on 6 meters, has reported making more than 2200 QSOs in more than 70 countries on the band. TG9NX reported working over 20 countries on November 1 alone. KH6SX has been working stations into the Midwest. ZL stations were worked in Vermont, and Japanese stations were worked longpath into Central America.

It doesn't require a huge station to participate in these openings. Some stations have reported working E30NA while running only 4 watts to small yagis. Most 6 meter DXers are running 100 watts into small yagis thanks to the proliferation of the terrific new radios that include 6 meters. A typical F2 opening is not very widespread and changes quickly, so the pile-ups aren't quite as bad as you might hear on the HF bands. Six meter DXing does take a lot of patience and a lot of listening to the white noise of a dead band, but when it opens you can be rewarded with fabulous QSOs that you will remember for the rest of your life. Catch the "F2 flu" and try out the 6-meter position on your radio now!

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Here's the December 2001 Ragchewer!

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