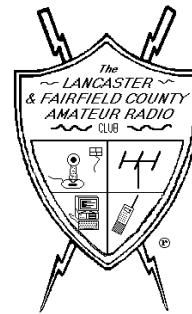


The Ragchewer



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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....

This is a short newsletter this month. With the holiday season, folks have other more important things on their minds. That's good! Family comes before amateur radio.

It has been a great year for me, the Club, the new *EXTRA* trustee, the new officers, and those folks who left office and the trusteeship. Without them, none of this is possible.

I would like to thank all of the Club members for their continued support and hope that 2001 is the best ever for all!

I would like to take time to thank Becky Numbers, KC8NQE and Kevin Numbers, KC8MTV, for doing the Monday Night Nets. Great Job!! I and the Club appreciate your sacrifices in order to make this happen every Monday night at 8:00 PM. I know they could use help. Please, let them know if you can help.

Hey, let me know by e-mail and I will forward you the basic transcript and codes for bringing up Newslines. I'm sure they will be tickled to schedule you in!! If we have two people (or couples) that would take a turn, it will prevent BURN OUT!

I would like to thank Kevin, KC8MTV, for handling the purchase of the new (Great looking!!) Club jackets. What a job that is. It is thankless! He needs to collect from just a few more people, so get in contact with him to settle up!

Please, if you have something that would make a good article, send it to me at: **W8FZ@arrl.net** and I will try to include it in the next issue. I do not have time to condense large articles and need them condensed to a size convenient for this paper when e-mailed. Bitmaps can be published as long as they are not copyright protected. This is your newsletter as well as mine. Help support it.

Remember to check the last page (back cover) for the next Hamfest in the area. We have some good ones coming up. We need to support our Amateur brethren by attending their functions.

There are plenty of activities for the upcoming year. We will have numerous Hamfests coming up, Dayton in May, Field Day in June, perhaps our first ever Foxhunt (with Carl, AA8YY's help), Bike races, Walk-a-thons, Farm Day, The Lancaster Festival, Sweet Corn Festival, Bremen October Fest, Holiday Parade, Christmas Party.... WOW!

I'll be looking for you on Radio Night!
73' Fred, W8FZ

NEW VE TEST GROUP TO BEGIN.....

John Mellett, W8NM , and Fritz Tender, WD8E , visited our VE Testing session on December 17. They were observing the test session and becoming familiar with the procedures. They hope to begin having test sessions up in the Gahanna area sometime this year. We will advertise their sessions in our newsletter when we here something from them.

CALL FOR OLD QST & CQ MAGAZINES

Do you have old QST and CQ Magazines collecting dust around the shack? If so bring them to the Clubhouse. We're looking for year 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000 issues. Complete sets would be preferred.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TRUSTEE

Our trustee, Rick Schleiffer, W9ZZX, is now an Extra Class operator. Therefore, with his new privileges come our Clubs additional privileges as well. Previously, the Clubs station was limited to the advanced bands, but now has full Extra Class privileges.

VE TESTING FEE INCREASED BY ARRL

Effective January 1, 2001, the fee for testing at a ARRL VEC test session will increase from \$6.65 to \$10.00. This was done in order to recover the increased costs of the added work load previously performed by the FCC that is now performed by the VEC. The \$4.00 portion of the fee kept by the local VE will not increase.

LOOKING FOR OLD VE RECORDS

Do you have, or know of someone that has, old VE test session reports or documents? Allen Sellers, KB8JLG, is looking for them. He indicated a desire to collect them and make a library of these documents. If you can help, call him at 740-654-8167 to arrange pickup.

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



Upcoming Central Ohio Amateur Radio Exams:

<i>Date</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
Jan. 13	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)
Feb. 18	Lancaster	Red Cross – 121 W. Mulberry (Rear) Walk-ins allowed	Allen Sellers, KB8JLG	740-654-8167

**The Lancaster
and Fairfield
County Amateur
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N8KZN

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

Hello Everyone!

I don't have a lot to say this month. With all the Holiday activities, everyone has kept pretty busy. But, I will remind you that with the winter season now upon us, it is possible to have snow and ice emergencies that could affect the power and other utilities. We as amateur radio enthusiasts know what that means. Communications could be brought down and our skills and experience may be needed.

Remember to keep your HT's batteries charged and extra batteries handy. Also, keep your flashlight and batteries in a convenient spot in case the lights go out.

I Hope we don't need them but it never hurts to be prepared.

Edward Campbell, Sr.
Emergency Coordinator – Fairfield County

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.**

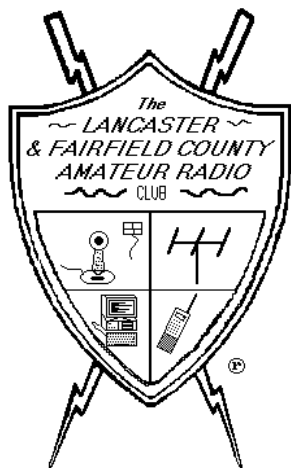
CW LEARNING NET

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>.

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Hamfests:

January 14, 2001
Sunday Creek
AR Federation
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January 28, 2001
Tusco ARC
Dover, OH
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Here's the JANUARY 2001 Ragchewer!

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