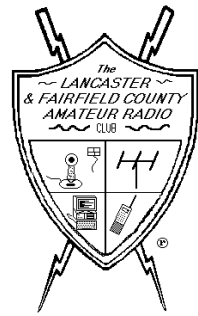


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The Monthly News Letter of The Lancaster & Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club

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 Clubhouse, 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)

Report on Dayton 2001

It was a success, despite the rain!! *Your Editor*



At the ARRL booth with (from left to right): Fred Stutske, W8FZ; Great Lakes Director, George Race, WB8BGY; FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH; ARRL President, Jim Haynie, W5JBP; and Tom Moore, KB8USK .

Photo by Chuck Bruckelmeyer, W8LCT

AWARDS AWARDS.... AWARDS....

The VHF/UHF Century Club Award

TOM MOORE, KB8USK

The VHF/UHF Century Club is the League's newest award, for working and confirming VHF/UHF contacts in 2 degree x 1 degree grid square locators on all V/U/SHF bands from 50 MHz to 300 GHz. Satellite and Laser contacts count, too. Individual certificates are issued per band to those meeting initial qualifying levels, with an extensive endorsement program beyond the initial certificate. All cards must be checked by ARRL VHF Awards Managers-- contact HQ for the Awards Manager near you. A VUCC lapel pin is available at a nominal charge.

VE TESTING NEWS.....

The VE team will be meeting for breakfast this month at the Best Western on Memorial Drive at 8:30 AM, June 17, 2001. The group will then head to the Red Cross for the VE Test session. This will be the last chance for those wanting to take a multiple choice 5 WPM CW test. After July 1, 2001, only fill-in-the-blank tests will be given. Of course, you will still be able to pass the test with 25 correct characters in a row, as in the past.

An additional testing session will be offered prior to July 1st if there are at least three (3) people interested who call Allen by June 23. This test will be primarily for those interested in passing there 5 wpm. If there is anyone who can not hear the code because of hearing problems, call Allen. A standard test can be given, as a special accommodation (as the exception rather than the standard), if the VE's agree that the person in question, qualifies. The test is given at 5 wpm and at 5 wpm character speed instead of the usual 15 character speed. The tone frequency will be the standard 720-750 Hz range.

Remember, when you pass your 5 wpm code test, keep your CSCE (Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination) forever!!!! It is the only proof you have that you took and passed the test. The ARRL and the FCC do not keep this information. It is worth its weight in GOLD!!!!

The 5 wpm CSCE for element 1 is good for 365 days from the date issued when applying for an upgrade in your license class. But, it is good forever for Technician w/ HF privileges. Again, keep this document safe as you would any other important papers. Make a copy for display at your station and for your wallet and keep the original in a safe place.

Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

AMERICAN DIABETES BIKE RIDE

Communications for the American Diabetes Bike Ride, which will start and end at Pickerington High School on June 10th (Sunday) is being organized. The 25K, 50K, and 100K routes will cover Pickerington, Baltimore, Millersport, and Kirkersville. Volunteers are needed, and the LFCARC is asked to help out. Your support will definitely be appreciated. If you can volunteer some time for this worthwhile event, please, call Frank Piper, KI8GW, at 614-833-1926.

**Drop in and see us on Radio Night,
Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM.
You'll be glad you did!!**



Upcoming Central Ohio Amateur Radio Exams:

Date	City	Location	Contact	Phone Number
June 17	Lancaster	Red Cross – 121 W. Mulberry (Rear)	Allen Sellers, KB8JLG	740-654-8167
	10:00 AM	Walk-ins allowed		

Public Service Communications



Edward Campbell, WD8PGO
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Hello Everyone!

The Club will again be participating in the July 4th Parade and meeting at the covered bridge at 8:00 AM that morning. We also have the opportunity to earn a substantial donation by supplying about 18 to 20 people to park cars for the evening Fireworks. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Also, mark your calendar for July 18, 21, 25, & 28. These are dates of activities we will be involved in during the Lancaster Festival.

Edward Campbell, Sr.

Emergency Coordinator – Fairfield County

June Birthdays.....

Gerald (Gary) Hanna, KC8HCD	6th	Larry Pontious, W8ZZZ	14th
Ralph Howes, Jr., W8BVH	6th	Edward Hemingway, W8KNN	16th
Thomas Boch, N8MUL	7th	Thomas Moore, KB8USK	18th
Raymond Shetrone, WA8WFL	11th	Jacob Campbell, KB8NRS	23rd
Moses Draper, KC8NPP	11th	John Cochrane, W8ILH	26th
Phortia Stevens, AB8GE	13th	William Bolsen, WD8IXT	29th
Scott Snoko, WD8IXO	14th	Patricia Howlett, KB8TME	30th
Steven Sells, KB8USN	14th		

Happy Birthday to all!

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 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> .



Chuck took time to talk to Elecraft founders Wayne, N6KR, and Eric, WA6HHQ about there add on modules for the K2 that Chuck assembled. *Photo by Fred*



Here we are with Gordo (Gordon West, WB6NOA) . We visited his booth and purchased some materials for future classes.



In the Main Arena. This area was home to many of the big brand names: MFJ, Cushcraft, Kenwood, and Icom, to name a few. Also, the winning tickets were drawn here.

More Dayton Hamvention 2001



We stumbled upon this unusual head gear and had to get a shot! He has been at Dayton every year for at least the past five years. It has blinking lights and actually cranks up & down!!

Photo by Chuck

Ohio SM News

By Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Ohio Section Manager

Maybe He's Right !

My best friend often belittles electronic technical achievements which is strange since he is community editor of the nation's 17th largest daily newspaper, The Cleveland Plain Dealer. You'd think he would carry the latest electronic toys but, no, he has little interest for "high tech." My wrist watch, with 85 telephone numbers in its database, is as much "high tech" as he can stomach. Bill (his real name) often take a gratuitous slap at my hobby – amateur radio – with remarks best summed up with the notion "technology sometimes sucks."

Which got me thinking the other night while working at my computer on Ohio Section business, I had a "pitch by pitch" running account of a live baseball game between my Cleveland Indians and Detroit Tigers in the upper right corner on the computer desktop. The Indians, in a slight three game slump, were quietly and quickly losing the game in the lower ninth inning when the "pitch by pitch" box suddenly printed the words – home run. The Tribe had just tied a game they were eventually to win.

But the computer screen had no crowd noise, no fireworks display or no radio announcer screaming "waaaay back" as Cleveland's Tom Hamilton (WTAM – 1100 AM) is prone to do on important hits. Just the quiet message – home run – on the screen. Bill is right. Technology sometimes sucks!

Dayton Happenings

The Ohio Section leadership was well represented at the 50th annual Dayton Hamvention, May 18-20. Section Emergency Coordinator, Larry Rain, WD8IHP, Mansfield, headed the Friday afternoon forum on Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) for more than 150 attendees. The new ARRL Emergency Communications on-line certification course was the main topic.

Section Public Information Coordinator, Scott Yonally, N8SY, was a main speaker at the Sunday ARRL PR forum. Scott stressed the importance of newsletters and working with local media in telling ham radio's story. Assistant Section Manager, Connie Hamilton, N8IO, Marietta, and Section Technical Coordinator Tom Holmes, N8ZM, Tipp City, were main volunteer examiners in the Hamvention Ham Radio testing program all weekend.

On the social scene, Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield, hosted a Saturday morning breakfast for the ARRL Section Managers all over the country who attended Dayton this year.

FOR SALE

Kenwood 570D (10-160 meters) with an MC-60 desk mike and an external Kenwood speaker for \$800 . Also, a Heathkit 220-SB 2 kW Amp (10-80 meters) for \$300. Contact Doug Skillman, N8OFM at Douglas.Skillman@West.Boeing.com

2m/70cm J-Pole antennas. Manufactured by Ron, W8MYE. \$30 each. \$3 (10% of the sale) will be donated to the club for each one sold. Call Ron at 653-3318. If no answer leave a message. They work great, even on a truck!!



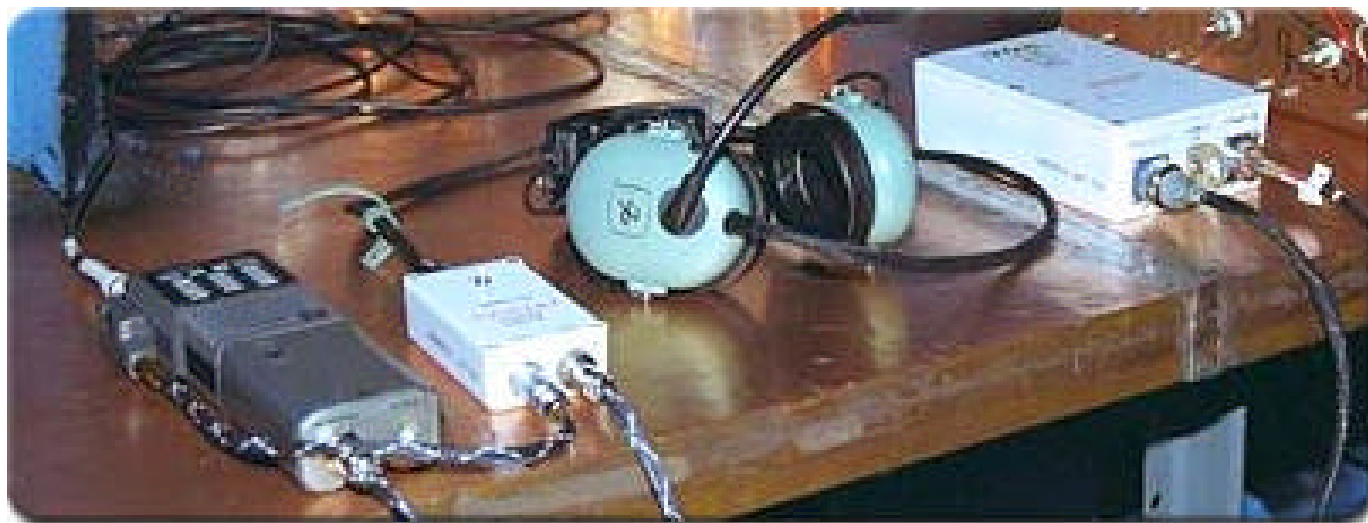
Tentative Frequencies

Worldwide downlink for voice and packet	145.80
Worldwide packet uplink	145.99
Region 1 voice uplink	145.20
Region 2 and 3 voice uplink	144.49

Initial operations will only take place on the 2m band.

Call Signs for the ISS

William Shepherd	KD5GSL
Yuri Gidzenko	Unknown
Sergei Krikalev	U5MIR
German callsign	DL0ISS
Russian callsign	RZ3DZR
U.S.A. callsign	NA1SS
Packet station mailbox callsign	RZ3DZR-1
Packet station keyboard callsign	RZ3DZR



This is a photo of the initial radio station amateur equipment while it was being tested. After testing, the equipment was stowed aboard Space Shuttle Atlantis for delivery to the International Space Station during STS-106. NASA International Space Station (ISS) Link: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/station/reference/radio/index.html>

FIELD DAY JUNE 23-24, 2001

Just a reminder that Field Day 2001 is just around the corner. It is always the fourth full weekend in June beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday. We will probably operate "Class A" again this year. The full text of Field Day 2001 Rules can be found on page 112 of the *May 2001 QST*.

UNIVERSAL RADIO TOP 80 ITEMS: Prices & Specials

Catalog 01-01 Update
Printed: 05/29/2001

➤ **ALINCO** *Alinco promotion ends 05/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#4238	DJ-196T	\$139.95		\$139.95	66
#0058	DJ-C5T	159.95		159.95	66
#0729	DJ-G5TH	289.95		289.95	66
#0472	DJ-V5TH	229.95		229.95	66
#0222	DJ-X 2T	219.95		219.95	
#3610	DJ-X10T	349.95	Sale. Free Book #3301	349.95	15
#2020	DJ-X2000T	835.00	New item!	499.95	16
#1980	DR-135T	169.95		169.95	62
#4239	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 06/30/01.*

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	1159.95	(price increase in June)	1159.95	5

➤ **GRUNDIG** *Grundig promotion ends 06/30/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#4040	MiniWorld 100	\$44.95	New lower price	\$29.95	21
#0800	Satellit 800	\$499.95		\$499.95	20
#0300	YB-300PE	99.95		99.95	21
#0400	YB-400PE	199.95	Free SWL Book #2984	199.95	21

➔ Ask about our RECONDITIONED Grundig radios. Save big!

➤ **ICOM** *ICOM promotion ends 06/30/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1610	207H	\$299.95		\$299.95	61
#3450	706Mk2-G	1099.95	\$150 Off Coupon	949.95	58
#0718	718	719.95	\$100 Off Coupon	619.95	58
#0657	746	1499.95	\$200 Coupon & Log Book	1299.95	58
#4019	756 Pro	2749.95	\$250 Off Coupon	2499.95	58
#1256	2100H	179.95		179.95	61
#1153	2800H	539.95	\$50 Off Coupon	489.95	61
#3100	PCR100-12	239.99	\$50 Off Coupon	189.99	13
#3628	PCR1000-02	399.99	\$50 Off Coupon	349.99	13
#2481	Q7A-05 BC	139.95		139.95	64
#2488	R 2-06	179.95	CSWHHRX & \$20 Coupon	159.95	15
#3333	R 3-26	469.95	Sale & \$75 Off Coupon	394.95	12
#3550	R10-05	349.99	CSWHHRX & \$50 Coupon	299.99	14
#0175	R75	779.95	Sale & \$200 Off Coupon	569.99	6
#1850	R8500-02	1699.95	Free Book #3301	1449.99	13
#3088	T2H	139.95		139.95	64
#3052	T7H	199.95		199.95	64
#3795	T81A	299.95		279.95	64
#0838	W32A	259.95		259.95	64

➤ **JAPAN RADIO CO.**

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1545	NRD-545DSP	1799.95		1799.95	8

➤ **KENWOOD** *Kenwood promotion ends 05/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1575	TH-22ATHP	\$219.95	Sale to 05/31/01	\$199.99	63
#1784	TH-79AKSS	369.95		369.95	63
#4211	TH-D7AG	419.95		419.95	63
#3699	TH-G71A(H)	279.95		279.95	63
#2164	TM-261A	189.95	Sale to 05/31/01	169.99	60
#4116	TM-D700A	649.95	Sale to 05/31/01	629.99	60
#0912	TM-742AD	649.95		649.95	60
#1621	TM-G707A	349.95	Sale to 05/31/01	319.99	60
#3565	TM-V7A	429.95		429.95	60
#1862	TS-570D(G)	1099.95		1049.99	54
#2519	TS-570S(G)	1299.95		1249.99	54
#1978	TS-2000	2199.95		2199.95	54
#2797	TS-2000X	2699.95		2699.95	54
#1937	TS-B2000	2199.95		1799.95	54

➤ **SANGEAN** *Sangean promotion ends 06/30/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#2181	ATS-404	\$89.95		\$89.95	22
#0505	ATS-505	129.95		129.95	22
#3319	ATS-606AP	119.95	Sale to 06/30/01	99.99	22
#0936	ATS-808A	119.95		119.95	22
#2754	ATS-818	149.95		149.95	22
#1069	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
#3677	ICF-B200	69.98	Close Out!	39.98	24
#0007	ICF-SW07	419.95		419.95	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! In stock.	169.95	

➤ **YAESU** *Yaesu promotion ends 06/30/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#2786	FRG-100B	\$599.95	\$100 Coupon to 06/30	\$499.95	11
#3070	FT-50RD-41	269.95	\$20 Coupon to 06/30	249.95	65
#1242	FT-90R		\$30 Coupon to 06/30	349.99	61
#3473	FT-100D		\$100 Coupon to 06/30	999.99	57
#2319	FT-840	729.95	\$100 Coupon to 06/30	629.95	56
#0817	FT-817	759.95	New item!	759.95	56
#1467	FT-847	1799.95	\$300 Coupon to 06/30	1499.95	56
#1955	FT-920	1499.95	\$150 Coupon to 06/30	1349.95	56
#2360	FT-1000MP-V		\$200 Coupon to 06/30	2999.99	56
#2736	FT-1500M	214.95	\$15 Coupon to 06/30	190.95	62
#3869	FT-2600M	219.95	\$20 Coupon to 06/30	199.95	62
#3774	FT-3000M	399.95		399.95	62
#0071	FT-7100M	439.95	New!	439.95	
#0120	VR-120	199.95	Sale to 06/30	179.99	
#0500	VR-500	329.95	\$30 Coupon to 06/30	299.95	15
#0050	VR-5000	889.95	New!	889.95	15
#3652	VX-1R	189.95		189.95	65
#1795	VX-5R	339.95		339.95	65
#3187	VX-150/64B	159.95		159.95	65



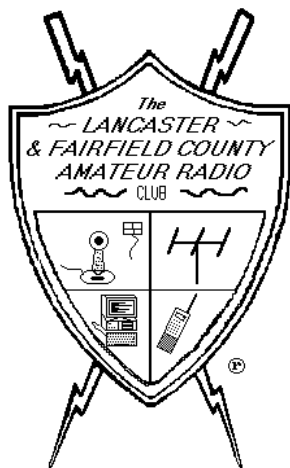
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