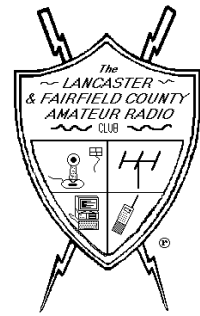


# The Ragchewer



March 2001

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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 Activity Manager:**

"Moonlight Madness" was a great success again. Those attending were: Harry Vollmer - W8LXC, Larry Wright - KB8AHK, Charlie Snoko - N8KZN, Fred Stutske - W8FZ, Ralph Howes - W8BVH, Kevin Numbers - KC8MTV, Gene Smith - N8BUS, Mike Hamilton - KC8LCY, Gary Hanna - KC8HCD, Woody Draper - KC8NPP, and Bob Bickel - N8UTE. The XYL's: Connie Snoko - N8LPC, Candy Wright - KC8NQG, and Kay Hanna - KC8HJW, provided the food and snacks. Thanks to all!

A special get-well-soon to Tom Whited - KB8UVJ who has been in the hospital.

Activity Manager,  
*Candy Wright*, KC8NQG

## **AWARDS... AWARDS... AWARDS...**

### **DXCC**

**TOM MOORE, KB8USK**

The premier operating award in all of Amateur Radio is the DX CENTURY CLUB. The basic certificate (which can be obtained in several categories--mixed modes, phone, CW, RTTY, satellite, 160, 80, 40, 10, 6, and 2 meters) is awarded for working and confirming at least 100 countries on the ARRL DXCC Countries List. Endorsements are available in specific increments beyond the 100-country level, culminating in the coveted DXCC Honor Roll, for those at or near working them all! DXCC qualifiers are also eligible for a DXCC lapel pin, available at a nominal charge.

For those who enjoy the thrill of the hunt on more than one band, the 5-BAND DXCC can be earned for working 100 countries on 80,40,20,15 and 10-meter bands. 5BDXCC is a good test of the DXer's operating abilities, but is well within the reach of all of those willing to work for it. 5BDXCC qualifiers receive a handsome certificate and are eligible for a very attractive plaque. The 5-Band DXCC Award is endorsable for the 160,17,12,6 and 2-meter bands.



### LF-to-LF Transatlantic Amateur Contact is Completed

(Feb 20, 2001) -- Amateur Radio history was made this month when amateurs in Canada and the UK completed what appears to be the first two-way transatlantic Amateur Radio exchange on 136 kHz. Larry Kayser, VA3LK, and Lawrence "Laurie" Mayhead, G3AQC, managed the LF feat using extremely slow CW that featured 90-second-long dits and 180-second-long dahs. The two-way contact took two weeks to complete.



### WWV Survey Planned by NIST

(Feb 20, 2001) -- The National Institute of Standards and Technology plans to survey users of WWV and WWVH later this year. The time and frequency-standard stations have been airing occasional announcements about the upcoming poll in order to start building a mailing list of survey recipients. The announcements state that NIST "is seeking information on how listeners use the broadcast services offered on the WWV broadcast," but the survey will not begin for at least several weeks.

### Silent Key ...

Paul E. Langley, Sr., KA8WQG, passed away February 7, 2001. He was a member of our club and was an old-time CB'er. He will be missed by members of the club and friends. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

**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
Mar. 10	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)
Mar. 24	Heath	Masonic Temple 875 Irvingwick Drive W. <b>No</b> Walk-ins allowed – Pre-registration only	John H. Mellett, W8NM	740-587-5264
Apr. 22	Lancaster	Red Cross – 121 W. Mulberry (Rear) Walk-ins allowed	Allen Sellers, KB8JLG	740-654-8167

The Lancaster  
and Fairfield  
County Amateur  
Radio Club

2000/2001  
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N8KZN

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KB8AHK

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Tom Moore,  
KB8USK

*Field Day Chairman:*

Chuck Bruckelmeyer,  
W8LCT

## Public Service Communications



Edward Campbell, WD8PGO  
Fairfield Co. EC

Hello Everyone!

March 8th, there will be a Severe Weather Spotters Workshop at the American Red Cross, 121 W. Mulberry St., Lancaster. Mark your calendars and plan to be there! Severe weather is just around the corner.

Edward Campbell, Sr.  
Emergency Coordinator – Fairfield County

### March Birthdays.....

KB8TQX – Gregory E. John – 7  
KC8OOL – Ryan Stump – 8  
KC8OOM – Jeremy Burgess – 9  
AA8AT – Earl Ogg – 16  
KB8JLG – Allen Sellers – 17  
KC8DPH – Trey Campbell – 21

KA8HQL – Jeff VanMeter – 22  
KC8PFN – Gary Newman – 23  
WA8YSC – Ivor "Hollywood" Rutan – 29  
W8LOY – Edward Clegg – 31

**Happy Birthday to all!**

Check our Web Site at: [www.qsl.net/k8qik](http://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](mailto:kc8mtv@arrl.net) or [knumbers@lucent.com](mailto: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](mailto: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>.

**The Lancaster & Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club**

Monthly Meeting Notes February 1, 2001 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin Numbers – KC8MTV – Secretary Report

Meeting Minutes read from January 2001

Motion to accept by Chuck Bruckelmeyer - W8LCT

Seconded motion by Jim Gaffney - N8JEG

New Member Vote Ryan Stump – KC8OOL was voted into the club.

Ed Campbell Sr. – WD8PGO – Treasurer Report

Presented budget and expenses for January.

Motion to accept by Chuck Bruckelmeyer - W8LCT

Seconded by Tom Moore – KB8USK

Richard Schleiffer – W9ZZX – Trustee Report

Richard has visited different radio club and has noticed that some of them have log-books located at/near the radios. He suggests that this would be a good idea for our club to do as it would cover and protect the club and it's members. Charlie Snoke – N8KZN suggests that we have copies of the club members licenses placed in a three-ring binder along with the log book at/near the radios.

Ed Campbell Sr. – WD8PGO – Emergency Coordinator

Ed reminds the “Constitution & By-Laws Committee” to get their information in as soon as possible. Ed also states that he will talk to the Fairfield County Sheriff about offering our communication services. Ed also has a list of classes being offered by the Red Cross in Lancaster.

Becky Numbers – KC8NQE – Net Control

Becky states that due to her pregnancy, now in her 7<sup>th</sup> month, and her responsibilities as a mother of three small children, she has decided to resign as Net Control. She has served in this position for over a year now and would like to give others the opportunity to serve as Net Control. She read her official letter of resignation to the club members and turned it over to the club president.

Club President Charlie Snoke – N8KZN asks if there are any volunteers for the Net Manager position. There is no response.

Marie Moore – KB8VOL – Flower Fund

The winner was Candy Wright – KC8NQG and she donated her winnings back into the Flower Fund.

Candy Wright – KC8NQG – Fund Raising Report

There will be a Radio Moonlight Madness outing on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001 @ 10:00 PM until 1:00 AM at the clubhouse.

Candy Wright – KC8NQG – 50/50 Fund

The winner was John L. Christman – KB8ABT, since John was not present the winnings will go back into the 50/50 Fund.

Scott Snoke – WD8IXO – Safety Report

Scott suggests that we have a light put right inside the back door directly above the basement steps.

Tom Moore – KB8AHK – Ragchewer

Tom asks that articles be sent to Fred Stutske – W8FZ via e-mail, w8fz@arrl.net

OLD BUSINESS: Charlie Snoke – N8KZN had a hat made at Multi-Stitch. The hats are available for \$15.85 through Multi-Stitch. Charlie also says that the copier now works.

Charlie again asks for people to do the net. He says that he will be Net Control for the Monday Night Net on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Tom Moore – KB8USK says that he will do it on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> and Larry Wright – KB8AHK said that he would do it on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Chuck Bruckelmeyer – W8LCT says that he has Field Day 2000 pins left over for those wishing to purchase them.

NEW BUSINESS: Charlie Snoke – N8KZN reminds everybody that Farm Day is on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001 @ 9:30 a.m. at the Fairgrounds.

He also mentions that the new antenna that Fred Stutske – W8FZ donated is working great.

Allen Sellers suggested to Charlie Snoke that we try to obtain a Programable Thermostat to control the temperature in the clubhouse. Chuck Bruckelmeyer – W8LCT says that he has one that he will donate.

Charlie Snoke reminds everybody that since the clubhouse is County property that there is to be NO SMOKING in the Clubhouse.

REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY MEETING:

Please sign the sheet hanging on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

Motion to close meeting by Chuck Bruckelmeyer – W8LCT

Seconded by Richard Schleiffer – W9ZZX

Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.

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## **FOR SALE .....**

I have a like new, (less than 2 hours run time) Ameritron 811 amp, with box and manual, I would like to trade it for a HF rig, some thing with an auto tuner. This is a nice amp and would make someone a great piece. I just need the rig more than this amp. If anyone is interested, just drop me a line. ...73's Kim, KJ8WW

## **FOR SALE .....**

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## ***From the Ohio S. M. ....***

"I just beat the rap for three years," said ARRL Ohio Section Manager, Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Fairfield. "And with more than five months to spare." He just completed a dues renewal of The American Radio Relay League for three years at the old rate. New dues rates, just announced by the ARRL Board of Directors, go into effect July 1.

Annual dues for the League on July 1 go from \$34 to \$39 for regular dues and go from \$28 to \$34 for seniors, age 65 and up. Until June 30, 2001, the old rates of \$34 annual, \$65 (two years) and \$92 (three years) apply. The senior rates which apply until June 30 are \$28 (regular), \$53 (two years) and \$76 (three years). Renewals are easy on the Internet at <[www.arrl.org/](http://www.arrl.org/)> or toll free at 1-888-277-5289, Phillips said. "I hope as many members take this opportunity to lock in the old rates and beat the rap like I did." Charges to credit cards, VISA, MasterCard, AMEX and Discover cards are available either by telephone (toll free) or by the Internet. Phillips, K8QOE, is in his second two year term as Ohio Section Manager.

The Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association  
celebrates its 82<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary by presenting ....

### ***AN EVENING WITH RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH***

**Thursday, March 8, 2001 in Youngstown, Ohio.**

**Meet FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. He will speak about the FCC's latest enforcement actions and what lies ahead for the Amateur Service. He will also take your questions. The program begins at 7:30 PM and will be held at McKay Auditorium of the new Beeghly School of Education on Rayen Avenue at Youngstown State University. Free admission. All amateurs invited. Talk in directions and parking information available at 146.745 beginning at 6:00 PM. For directions see below or visit our web page at : [www.mvara.org](http://www.mvara.org)**

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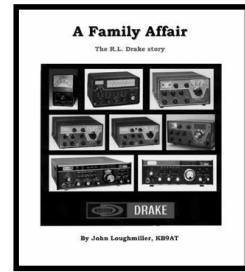
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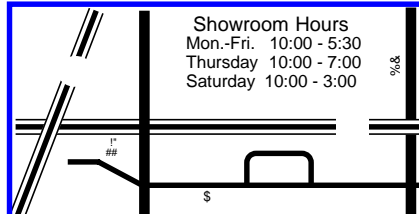
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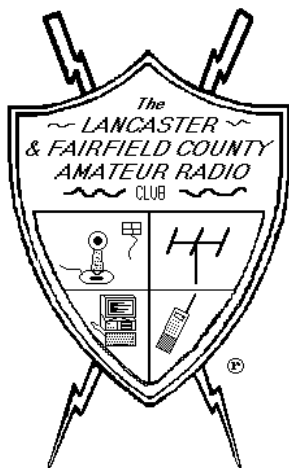
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