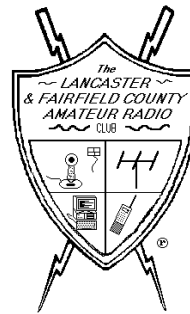


The Ragchewer



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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 President

Here we are headed for another Summer. It doesn't seem like that long ago that I took office. Time passes quickly when your involved with something you enjoy.

I would like to see every Club member involved to some degree. "You get out what you put in.." is a familiar phrase and I think most people will find that their interest increases as they become involved.

We have many opportunities in the Club for folks to become involved. Your Club needs you. We need help in maintaining the services that we provide.

For instance, we have one of the finer NETs on the air today. Several of the Club members have worked hard to maintain it, but we need more help. We need a NET manager. This is a job that does not necessarily require personally doing the NETs, but making sure that folks are trained and every Monday night is assigned to Club members on a rotation. This could be an easy task if, say, six or eight members would take a rotation.

PLEASE, think hard about it. Volunteer at the next meeting to do your share or contact me. With all the Club members we have, we should be able to put together a fine team.

TNX es 73 Charlie, N8KZN

AWARDS AWARDS.... AWARDS....

The Old Timers Club Certificate

TOM MOORE, KB8USK

The coveted OTC certificate can be yours if you have been licensed at least 20 years. Drop a note to HQ with the date of your first license, and your call (both then and now), along with a fee of \$2.00. HQ will verify this information, and send your OLD TIMERS CLUB certificate promptly.

VE TESTING NEWS.....

Saturday, March 24, 2001 Allen-KB8JLG, Carl-AA8YY, Doug-N8TUT and Harry-W8LXC, helped the COOKEN ARC administer a VE session in Heath, Ohio. There were 8 successful applicants earning 3 Tech, 1 Tech+ and 2 General licenses. COOKEN is an acronym for Central Ohio Operators' Klub, Extra - Novice and is based in Licking county.

The CW class is now complete. Eleven (11) persons were enrolled and we just completed the fourth of six classes on March 25, 2001. Most folks are using some kind of paddle and keyer arrangement which is working well to prevent sore arms caused by using a straight key and to help space the dots and dashes properly.

On Sunday, April 22, 2001, 9 people registered for testing. All three taking the CW test passed! There was one (1) Technician license earned, two (2) Technician w/ HF Privilege CSCE's issued and three (3) upgrade their licenses to General Class.

A test was given on Sunday Evening, April 29, at 6:00 PM at the Clubhouse. The purpose was to give those folks in the CW class a chance to take the test as a group and to offer to others on a pre-register basis only, the opportunity to upgrade as well. Eight people registered with two (2) Technician licenses earned, four (4) Technician w/ HF Privilege CSCE's issued, and two (2) upgrades to General Class.

There is only one test session left (Sunday, June 17, at 10:00 AM at the Red Cross) to take the 5 WPM CW test under the multiple choice test. After July 1, only fill-in-the-blank test will be given. The 1 minute (25 characters) of solid copy option will still be available as an alternative for each applicant.

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.

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
June 17	Lancaster	Red Cross – 121 W. Mulberry (Rear) Walk-ins allowed	Allen Sellers, KB8JLG	740-654-8167

The Lancaster
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County Amateur
Radio Club

2000/2001
Officers:

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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

May Birthdays.....

JACKIE (GENE) SMITH - N8BUS - 6th

JASON LINT - KB8JXR - 9th

MICAH DERRY - KC8NPL - 10th

CHARLES SNOKE - N8KZN - 13th

KAY HANNA - KC8HJW - 27th

STEVEN CAMPBELL - WA8HIO - 29th

IVOR "HOLLYWOOD" RUTAN -

WA8YSC - 29th (Gotcha this time)

NORMAN STOUT - N8MGM - 31st

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 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 April 5, 2001 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Kevin Numbers – KC8MTV

Secretary Report Meeting Minutes read from March meeting
Motion to accept by Larry Wright – KB8AHK
Seconded motion by Gene Smith – N8BUS

Ed Campbell Sr. – WD8PGO

Treasurer Report Presented budget and expenses for March.
Motion to accept by Tom Moore – KB8USK
Seconded by Wes Whitley, Jr. – N8UTC
The Insurance renewal form has been received.
Motion to Pay Insurance by Tom Moore – KB8USK
Seconded by Larry Wright – KB8AHK

Visitors: Mary Webb

Charlie Snoke – N8KZN

VE Testing Report Sunday, April 22nd @ 09:30 a.m.

Marie Moore – KB8VOL

Flower Fund The winner was Ray Webb – KB8GUN

John Hilliard – W8OF

Repeater Report The 146.700 machine may be moved to one of the following locations:
Berne Union School, Rick Finke's, KB8WS, Radio Station or to the 147.030 location.

Ed Campbell Sr. – WD8PGO

Emergency Coordinator Saturday's Emergency drill went fine.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kevin Numbers – KC8MTV

The final bill has been paid at Multi-Stitch for the club jackets. If you received a jacket or still owe money, please contact Kevin. Anybody wishing to further purchase jackets, shirts or hats, please contact Multi-Stitch, Inc. directly at (740) 756-1000.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Moore – KB8USK: April 21st will be the MS Walk starting at the Fairgrounds. We need 8 radio operators all together. The volunteers so far are:

- Kevin Numbers – KC8MTV *or* Becky Numbers – KC8NQE
- Larry Wright – KB8AHK & Candy Wright – KC8NQG
- Tom Moore – KB8USK & Marie Moore – KB8VOL

Also, there will be a Steak cookout at the Clubhouse on April 19th @ 6:30 p.m.

Charlie Snoke – N8KZN: We *still* need a Net Control Operator for the Monday Night Net. There is a concern with the lack of participation in the net. There are on average 12 to 15 check-ins and how many people just listening? Is the Net worth continuing since there has been very little support in asking people to run the net? It is the "SAME" people running the Net each Monday night.

As for the month of April the volunteers are once again as follows:

Net Control for April 9th – Kevin Numbers – KC8MTV

16th – Harry Vollmer – W8LXC

23rd – Gene Smith – N8BUS

30th – Charlie Snoke – N8KZN

If there are no volunteers for May, then other arrangements maybe made with the Net.

A motion was made by Tom Moore – KB8USK to give a free 1 year Club membership to anyone taking the position as Net Control. Ivor "Hollywood" Rutan – WA8YSC, seconded the motion.

REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY MEETING: Kevin & Becky Numbers – KC8MTV & KC8NQE

Motion to close meeting by Tom Moore – KB8USK

Ivor "Hollywood" Rutan – WA8YSC, seconded the motion.

FROM THE COOK

Hi Everyone:

Well we made another one! Yep winter is finally over and spring and summer are just ahead. With that is fun time and cookout time. Huh, old man winter hasn't put any slow down to cookouts for The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club. Come Rain, Sleet or Snow. When it comes to food our club is on the go. Just in case you missed the last Radio Night, we had T-bone steaks on the grill, French fries, cole slaw, rolls and butter, and Cherry cheesecake for desert. Yum, Yum, talk about good!

I would like to thank all the members who have supported our Thursday night Radio Night. It's your support and generous donations each week that keeps Radio Night Alive and your club alive. Other clubs have unsuccessfully tried to duplicate our Radio Night, but we are the number one club in the area to succeed. So, keep up the good work guys and gals your doing a great job.

Also thanks to all the YL's and XYL's for your support in helping out with additional food and cleaning up. Your all great!!

73's
Tom, KB8USK

FOR SALE OR TRADE

1- Ameritron 811 Amp. 600 watts P.E.P. 3 - 811 tubes, like new, less than 2 hours play time, with manual and box's. \$400.00

2- Alinco DJ-605 dual band mobile, 2m - 440, very good condition, goes out of band, manual and mounting bracket. \$275.00

3- Workman B500L, 10 and 11 meter heavy duty mobile antenna fits 3/8 screw in mounts, air coil, new in package. \$25.00

4- CDE 44 rotator, works but needs rebuilt, doesn't always read right on control box, as is. \$50.00

5- Hustler HLM trunk mount with coax, fits any standard 3/8 threaded antenna, new in package. \$20.00

Call Kim, KJ8WW, at (740)-456-1616

FOR SALE

2m/70cm J-Pole antennas. Manufactured by Ron, W8MY. \$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!!



ISS Partnership Grants Flight Exemption for Dennis Tito (Apr 25, 2001) -- The International Space Station Partnership has granted an exemption for the flight of American businessman Dennis Tito, KG6FZX, to the ISS aboard a Russian *Soyuz 2* taxi mission. The mission is scheduled for launch this Saturday, April 28.



AO-40 Transponder Operation Possible This Summer (Apr 26, 2001) -- AMSAT-NA President Robin Haighton, VE3FRH, this week raised the possibility that AO-40 could inaugurate transponder operation this summer, if tests and orbital maneuvers between now and then go as planned.



Anatomy of a Tornado Response: Hoisington, Kansas (Apr 26, 2001) -- Editor's note: An F4 tornado ripped through the small Central Kansas town of Hoisington the evening of April 21, leaving one dead, dozens injured and millions of dollars in damage. Kansas District 5 Emergency Coordinator Robert Haneke, WG0Q, details the response to this disaster by several dozen Amateur Radio operators. Some amateur operation continues, in support of the tornado relief effort .



From the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette, Sunday, April 29, 2001
ON THIS DAY Looking Back 40 YEARS AGO....

Local Civil Defense officials took part in the nationwide federal "Operation Alert 1961" simulated enemy attack on the United States. The local effort in the annual drill included the Lancaster-Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club who received and transmitted messages among local Civil Defense departments.

WANTED.....

Someone interested in taking over editing and publishing the Ragchewer. I would like to get someone to fill in for a year starting in October of 2001. Your current editor can fill you in on all the details. If your interested, call me at 614-759-0955 or e-mail at w8fz@arrl.net.

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: 04/25/2001

➤ **ALINCO** *Alinco promotion ends 05/30/01.*

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
#3500	DJ-S11T	84.95		84.95	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	329.99	15
#2020	DJ-X2000T	835.00	New item!	499.95	16
#1980	DR-135T	169.95		169.95	62
#3620	DR-150TQ	219.98		199.98	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-8200MkIIB	\$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		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	\$100 Off Coupon	2649.95	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	479.95	Sale & \$50 Off Coupon	399.99	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	159.95	Sale!	139.99	64
#3052	T7H	199.95		199.95	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 05/21/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1575	TH-22ATHP	\$219.95	Sale to 05/15/01	\$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 05/15/01	169.99	60
#4116	TM-D700A	649.95		629.99	60
#0912	TM-742AD	649.95		649.95	60
#1621	TM-G707A	349.95	Sale to 05/15/01	319.99	60
#3565	TM-V7A	449.95	Sale to 05/15/01	439.99	60
#1862	TS-570D(G)	1099.95	Free Heil Goldline mic	1049.99	54
#2519	TS-570S(G)	1299.95	Free Heil Goldline mic	1249.99	54
#1978	TS-2000	2229.95	Free Heil Goldline mic	2229.95	54
#1937	TS-B2000	2199.95	Free Heil Goldline mic	1799.95	54
#3318	VCH-1	389.95	Sale to 05/01/01	319.99	54

➤ **SANGEAN** *Sangean promotion ends 05/30/01.*

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 05/30/01	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	399.95	\$30 Coupon to 06/30	369.95	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	3299.95	\$200 Coupon to 06/30	3099.95	56
#2736	FT-1500M	224.95	\$15 Coupon to 06/30	210.95	62
#3869	FT-2600M	219.95	\$20 Coupon to 06/30	199.95	62
#3774	FT-3000M	399.95	Sale to 05/09/01	379.99	62
#0071	FT-7100M	439.95	New!	439.95	
#0120	VR-120	199.95	New!	199.95	
#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	169.95		169.95	65
#1795	VX-5R	339.95		339.95	65
#3187	VX-150/64B	159.95	Sale to 05/05/01	149.99	65



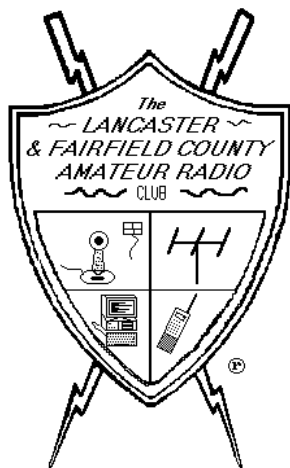
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