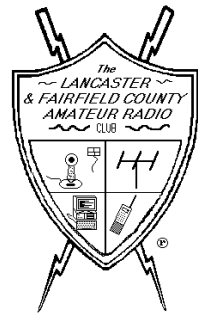


The Ragchewer



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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)

Your Trustee's Musings:

ARE YOU A "LID"?

Over the years, beginning in the "teens" of the last century, any ham operator who deviated from the usual operating practices set down in THE RULES of law and common practices of the Amateur Radio Services were termed "LIDS".

In listening to repeaters in this area and out to the West (including Hawaii) I am hearing many "liddish" actions and phrases. In the early years anyone judged was shunned and his/her call often ignored. I may be old-fashioned but one hangover from that "other" communications service operating without regard for the rules of language and common courtesy is the phrase "For ID". Remember, YOUR call sign IS your ID and no further statement is required or desired. The FCC rules for our service require only ID at the beginning and end of a contact unless the sequence exceeds 10 minutes. The RULES say in such case an ID of at least once each 10 minutes is required.

During an organized NET operation the use of ID when passing the net to another operator aids the net control operator in keeping track of and maintaining circuit discipline. If you should listen in on the "Medicare Net" weekday mornings you will note this procedure is the norm.

During informal two-way chats, it is only necessary to follow the rules outlined above. One other observation: there are a few operators out there who appear to have long response times during contacts and they leave long periods of dead air before they respond to the other party. This creates a problem for other users who need to make a quick contact and when they so attempt to do so find they have doubled with one of the SLOW types who they were not aware of. I know, I'm supposed to listen to see if the system is in use, but with such long spaces it is not feasible. Please, reduce the lag time between key-ups so all can enjoy the system.

Let's all try harder to keep our repeater service one to be proud of and show that we, while being only amateurs are really PRO's when it comes to consideration of others and being GOOD communicators.

73 and good operating (note that 73 does NOT include the plural s, ever)

Dick, W9ZZX

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

AWARDS.....AWARDS.....AWARDS.....

Tom Moore – KB8USK

ARRL FRIENDSHIP AWARD

The purpose of this award is to encourage friendly contact between radio amateurs and thereby discover new friends through personal communication with others. The ARRL Friendship Award is available to any ARRL member who submits log extracts that show two-way communications with 26 stations whose callsigns end with each of the 26 letters of the alphabet. For example: W4RA, K0ORB, W3ABC, or K1ZZ. An S.A.S.E. to the ARRL will bring you the rules and application or see Tom Moore, KB8USK -- Awards Manager.

Happy Birthday....

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

KC8OSC – Connie Cote – 1 st
W8MYX – Ron Braden – 1st

KB8EHK – Leo “Dex” Steible – 9 th
KC8NPN – Phil Paulsen – 24 th
WD8SCN – Andrea Steible – 25 th
W9ZZX – Richard Schleiffer – 27 th
N8WLT – James Neymeyer – 29 th

Amateur Radio Repair Service

In need of amateur radio repair? If so, here is a service that appears to be very good and has reasonable rates. They can be reached as follows:

Communications Electronics

2-WAY RADIO & COMMERCIAL SOUND

Mike and Shirley Ervin (740)-929-2500
2617 Palmer Rd. Hebron, OH 43025

E-mail: mike@cesys.net
Web Site: <http://www.cesys.net>

Kenwood TS-440 Fixed

Larry Wright, KB8AHK, reports that his rig was fixed recently and the technician indicated that the problem was not created during Field Day by any improper use and that it probably had the problem prior to the event. Therefore, there will be no cost to the Club.



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

Upcoming Central Ohio Amateur Radio Exams:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Oct. 21 Walk-ins allowed	9:30 AM	Lancaster	Red Cross – Rear 121 W. Mulberry (Rear)	Allen Sellers, KB8JLG	740-654-8167
Nov. 10 Walk-ins allowed	9:00 AM	Columbus	Capital Univ. Law School 303 E. Broad St. Rm. 229/230	Frank Piper, KI8GW	614-833-1926

Public Service Communications



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

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club

2000/2001 Officers:

President:

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Candy Wright, KC8NQG

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Richard A. Schleiffer, W9ZZX

Flower Fund:

Marie Moore,

KB8VOL

653-9092

and

Connie Snoko,

N8LPC

654-4582

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W8FZ

Co-Editor:

Tom Moore,

KB8USK

Field Day Chairman:

Chuck Bruckelmeyer,

W8LCT

Hello Everyone!

On August 29th the following members helped with the Millersport Sweet Corn Festival Parade and afterwards were treated to Sweet Corn and meal:

Debby Bruckelmeyer	KC8MZA	Carolyn Campbell	KB8ZBV
Edward Campbell	WD8PGO	Greg Russell	KB8USO
Tom Moore	KB8USK	Becky Numbers	KC8NQE
Tom Whited	KB8UVJ	Candy Wright	KC8NQG
Larry Wright	KB8AHK		

The Lancaster Holiday Parade will be Saturday, Nov. 17, 2001. We will need all the Club members that we can get to help form the Parade and then man the intersections during the Parade to provide communications.

October 1st., 2001, our club will not get a \$2.00 commission for a member renewal. Our club will get a \$15.00 commission for each new member.

A new member is defined as an individual who has never previously held ARRL Membership or an individual who has not been an ARRL member for two or more years. Renewal, lapsed, Blind, Family and Youth Memberships do not qualify for any commission. I have a letter from the ARRL referencing the changes if anyone would like to read it.

Edward Campbell, Sr.
Emergency Coordinator – Fairfield County

The Club has found a Newsletter Editor! Bob, N8UTE, will pick up the job with the November Issue. Fred, W8FZ, will be resigning as Publisher/Editor of this Newsletter after this October issue.

Check out our Club Web Site at: www.qsl.net/k8qiq

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>.

AMATEURS AMONG THE MISSING IN WORLD TRADE CENTER ATTACK

At least four Amateur Radio operators are among the many still missing in the aftermath of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. The attack also destroyed the major TV and radio transmitting site atop one of the twin towers.

The hams reported missing so far include:

* Steven A. "Steve" Jacobson, N2SJ, 53, of New York City, a transmitter engineer for WPIX TV, and an ARRL member.

* William V. "Bill" Steckman, WA2ACW, of W Hempstead, New York, a transmitter engineer for WNBC TV. He was well know in the NYC area and ran a number of repeaters from the World Trade Center, most notably the 434 MHz ATV repeater.

* Robert D. "Bob" Cirri Sr, KA2OTD, 39, an ARRL member from Nutley, New Jersey and the ARRL District Emergency Coordinator for Hudson County. A Port Authority police officer, Cirri was on the job helping to evacuate workers from the building when it collapsed.

* Michael G. Jacobs, AA1GO, 54, an ARRL member from Danbury, Connecticut. Jacobs worked at Fiduciary Trust Company International, which had offices in the World Trade Center.

The collapse of the World Trade Center brought down the master TV transmitting antenna that served all but one television station in New York City, as well as several radio stations and amateur repeaters. "The broadcast community is in absolute shock," said Hudson Division Vice Director Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, who works for ABC News. "We all knew transmitter engineers, we all knew people who worked up in those towers near those big television transmitters, and they're gone."

Mendelsohn said many viewers in the Greater New York City Area who are not on cable can only see WCBS, channel 2, which maintains its transmitter site on the Empire State Building. WCBS has offered assistance and space to help the other stations get back on the air from its site, he said.

"None of the other transmitters exist anymore. They're in the rubble along with the master antenna system, hundreds and hundreds of two-way radio system antennas, and boxes and, of course, untold thousands of people who perished."

There was cause for rejoicing in the case of another amateur who worked in the World Trade Center. Rob Nall, WV0S, reports that his friend, Herman Belderok, Jr, KB0EEB, managed to get out of the building just minutes before the structure collapsed.

(Courtesy of the ARRL Letter)

The Lancaster & Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club
Monthly Meeting Notes – September 6, 2001 19:35 EST.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lead by Richard Schleiffer – W9ZZX

Trustee

Richard Schleiffer – W9ZZX

Richard thanked everybody for the get-well card. Richard also says that Yaesu equipment has been set up in the Old-Timers room and asks that connections on the equipment be left alone.

Secretary Report

Kevin Numbers – KC8MTV

Report read from August 2, 2001 meeting. Motion to accept made by Richard Schleiffer, W9ZZX. Seconded by John Hilliard, W8OF.

Treasury Report

Ed Campbell Sr., - WD8PGO

Report read for the month of August 2001. Motion to accept made by Richard Schleiffer, W9ZZX. Seconded by Bob Bickel, N8UTE.

New Members

Dusten Smith, KC8RUK was voted in as a new member.
Jonathan E. Larabee, KC8RUI was voted in as a new member.

Net Control

Brenda Van Dyke – KC8OYP

Charlie says that Brenda is doing a great job with the net at 9 pm and that she is still in need of volunteers for the nets.

Flower Fund

Marie Moore – KB8VOL

Winner is Charlie Snoke, N8KZN donates winnings to Equipment Fund.

50/50 Fund

Connie Snoke – N8LPC

Winner is HARRY VOLLMER, W8LXC.

Emergency Coordinator

Ed Campbell Sr., - WD8PGO

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Sweet Corn Festival.
- Ed stressed importance of club communication services.
- Tom Moore, KB8USK reminds us about the Bremen October Fest.
We are to meet in Bremen on September 29 th @ 8am.

President

Charlie Snoke – N8KZN

Charlie says how we need to have more newspaper coverage and how we need to be recognized by both city and county officials.

Repeater

John Hilliard – W8OF

John has submitted a letter to the City Safety Director asking about putting the 146.700 repeater on Water Works Hill.

Club Reporter

Fred Stutske – W8FZ

Bob Bickel, N8UTE will take over Ragchewer with November Issue.

President

Charlie Snoke – N8KZN

The following slate of Club members were nominated for next election:

PRESIDENT – LARRY WRIGHT, KB8AHK
VICE PRESIDENT – WILLIAM MIGLEY, WB8DHG
SECRETARY – CANDY WRIGHT, KC8NQG
TREASURER – ED CAMPBELL SR., WD8PGO
ACTIVITIES – TOM MOORE, KB8USK

Richard Schleiffer, W9ZZX made a motion to close the nominations. Ed Campbell SR., WD8PGO voted by acclamation that the current nominees be elected into office. Richard Schleiffer, W9ZZX seconded the vote. **Those voted in will take office at the November meeting.**

Motion to close meeting made by Tom Moore, KB8USK. Seconded by Gene Smith, Jr, N8BUS.

In the Uncertain, Anxious Middle By Joe Phillips, K8QOE, Ohio SM

(From the Fall Issue of The Ohio Section Journal, Ron Griffin, N8AEH, Findlay, Editor.)

His face would smile, then frown, then re-smile - sometimes in just completing the same sentence.

Fred Osterman, N8EKU, is president of Universal Radio, Inc., or more well known in ham radio circles as the Columbus area candy store. Fred was reacting to that uncomfortable position he and other dealers (like R & L Electronics, Hamilton or AES, Cleveland) find themselves.

In the anxious middle between changing ham radio customer needs and wants and changing ham radio manufactures needs and wants.

A smile means optimism when certain customers at his Reynoldsburg store using retirement time to purchase new rigs and revisit new modes in the hobby by upgrading the home shack. A frown means pessimism while reading ARRL statistics which show one per cent of his potential customers are 25 years of age or less and it only rises to three percent at age 34. Economic future of ham radio? Shifts from good to rough quicker than a rocking chair.

In the good old days, oh, about 25 years ago, we had several small electronic stores in most major communities. Cincinnati had three in the early 70s. Then along came progress - a hobby with a less radio building philosophy and more manufactured completely wired transceivers and handhelds. That change and those 800 numbers in ham radio publications (like QST) have had a profound impact on the market. You don't have to be a Washington economist to understand that.

The small stores disappeared but a restructured Universal Radio, for example, still needed customers well beyond the Central Ohio area even when it became the only candy store in town. To go to the outside their city sales area, the marketing strategy calls for mailing catalogs across the US, purchasing ads in ham radio national magazines and the newest component - an Internet web site (<www.universal-radio.com>).

Since the distant customer now became a major marketing strategy, Fred seems genuinely proud of his internet efforts. His contribution is to have the web site demonstrate as close as possible to actually trying the merchandise in the Reynoldsburg showroom. Computer screens display a rig's front panel and styling, another shows the rear sections for connectors, another displays all possible uses for the rig - and all is calculated to give a prospective customer as close to a hands on experience the computer screen can allow. In the actual Reynoldsburg showroom Fred has for inspection \$50,000 worth of equipment, parts and components when those who walk in for the actual hands on experience.

Then there are hamfests. Increasing costs and, even more important, decreasing returns at many hamfests mean fewer trips. As for Dayton Hamvention, the quick perception is that dealers like Universal make a fortune. No, says Fred, that's not the experience. With dozens of dealers jockeying for sales and the overhead expenses of being there, Hamvention is generally a public relations exercise - "it is important for us to be there, show the flag and support the show."

But as the economics of ham radio changes, he said his crystal ball has but 10 years of future in it. After that, who knows.

UNIVERSAL RADIO TOP 80 ITEMS: Prices & Specials

Catalog 01-01 Update
Printed: 09/11/2001

➤ ALINCO *Alinco promotion ends 09/30/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#4238	DJ-196T	\$139.95		\$139.95	66
#1596	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 09/30/01.*

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	1348.95		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		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

➔ Ask about our RECONDITIONED Grundig radios. Save big!

➤ ICOM *ICOM promotion ends 09/30/01.*

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	2649.98	\$250 Off Coupon	2399.98	58
#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
#2481	Q7A-05 BC	134.95	\$5 Off Coupon	129.95	64
#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
#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	\$20 Off Coupon	279.95	64
#0088	V8	164.95	New!	164.95	
#0838	W32A	259.95		259.95	64

➤ JAPAN RADIO CO.

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1545	NRD-545DSP	1799.95	Free JRC ST-3	1799.95	8

➤ KENWOOD *Kenwood promotion ends 10/31/01.*

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
#2164	TM-261A	169.95		169.95	60
#4116	TM-D700A	599.95		599.95	60
#0912	TM-742AD	629.95		629.95	60
#1621	TM-G707A	299.95		299.95	60
#3565	TM-V7A	429.95		429.95	60
#1862	TS-570D(G)	1099.95	Free Heil Mic	1049.99	54
#2519	TS-570S(G)	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 12/15/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#2181	ATS-404	\$89.95		\$89.95	22
#0505	ATS-505	129.95		119.98	22
#3319	ATS-606AP	119.95	Sale to 09/30/01	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
#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!	169.95	

➤ YAESU *Yaesu promotion ends 09/30/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#2786	FRG-100B	\$599.95		\$599.95	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
#2736	FT-1500M	219.95	\$50 Coupon	169.95	62
#3869	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-5000	889.95	\$200 Coupon	689.95	15
#3652	VX-1R	189.95	\$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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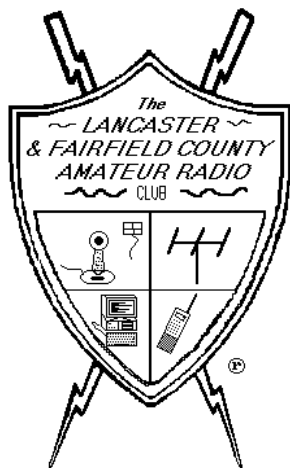
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920 W. Lafayette Rd.
Talk-in 147.03 (+)
Contact Mike, N8TZY
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E-mail: n8tzy@m3net.net

October 14, 2001

Ashland Area ARC

Contact: John, KC8AAR
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johnamcmurray@myexcel.com

October 28, 2001

Massillon ARC

<http://www.qsl.net/w8np>
Contact: Terry, N8ATZ
Phone: 330-837-3091

Here's the October 2001 Ragchewer!

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