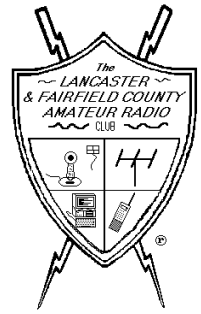


# The Ragchewer



MARCH 2002

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 Thurs-  
day) 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 9 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)

Subject: Ohio Section Update  
FOR Immediate release

Alan Cook, N7CEU, Newark will become the new Ohio Official  
Observer Coordinator for the American Radio Relay League on February 1,  
2002.

The announcement was made by Ohio ARRL Section Manager Joe Phillips, K8QOE.

Alan, who for the past three years has been Emergency Coordinator  
(EC) of Licking County, will succeed Richard Kuns, KC8TW, who retired because  
of increased duties in the Cincinnati ham radio community. Mr. Kuns, besides  
being on the Ohio Section Cabinet as OOC, also is secretary of the Greater  
Cincinnati local Interference Committee, operates web pages for several ham  
radio groups and is a newsletter editor for his club. He recommended Mr.  
Cook's appointment.

Alan has been a licensed ham radio operator since 1980 and has 20  
years experience in ARES programs in Ohio and Utah. He is computer manager  
for Boeing Company of Rockwell Corp. His favorite QSO was an 15 meters with  
King Hussein of Jordan, JY1 (SK) in 1981 while operating a special event  
station for Collins Radio Division.

As OOC, Alan will work with more than 40 members of the Official  
Observers in Ohio and the established Local Interference Committees. "I want  
to thank Alan for taking this responsibility," said SM Joe Phillips, "but  
also pay tribute to Richard Kuns service the past couple of years - during  
Mr. Kuns' tenure, the OO has become Ohio's most popular and most sought

Subject: packet BBS

For the ragchewer, the club packet BBS has been up and running since  
September 11. Currently there is 1550 active messages.

Also I have a APRS packet digi on the air on 144.39 with version 2.5.1  
running.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

JEREMY BURGESS	KC8OOM	MARCH 9 <sup>TH</sup>
EARL OGG	AA8AT	MARCH 16 <sup>TH</sup>
ALLEN SELLERS	KB8JLG	MARCH 17 <sup>TH</sup>
TREY CAMPBELL	KC8DPH	MARCH 21 <sup>ST</sup>
JEFF VANMETER	KA8HQL	MARCH 22 <sup>ND</sup>

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

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WD8PGO

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KB8USK

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*Trustee:*  
Richard A. Schleiffer,  
W9ZZX

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N8UTE

*Field Day Chairman:*  
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# Public Service Communications



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

### WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING

American Red Cross 121 west Mulberry St.  
April 1 8, 2002 6:30 PM. Contact Becky Wilmont  
740-687-5585

### **Severe Weather Spotters Training**

The Perry County Amateur Radio Club  
Location: Perry County Senior Center  
520 First Street  
New Lexington, Ohio 43764 Date: March 9 Time: 11:00 am

Contacts: Perry County Amateur Radio Club (PCARC)  
Email [perryamateurclub@yahoo.com](mailto:perryamateurclub@yahoo.com) Phone 740-342-1141

## Upcoming Central Ohio Amateur Radio Exams:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Feb .17	9:30 AM	Lancaster	Red Cross – Rear	Allen Sellers, KB8JLG	
	740-654-8167				
	Walk-ins allowed		121 W. Mulberry (Rear)		

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

Check out our Club Web Site at: [www.qsl.net/k8qik](http://www.qsl.net/k8qik)

### **CENTRAL OHIO CW LEARNING NET**

The CW Learning Net is Every Friday night at 8:00 P.M. on the W8CMH 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>.

# CQ YLs CQ YLs

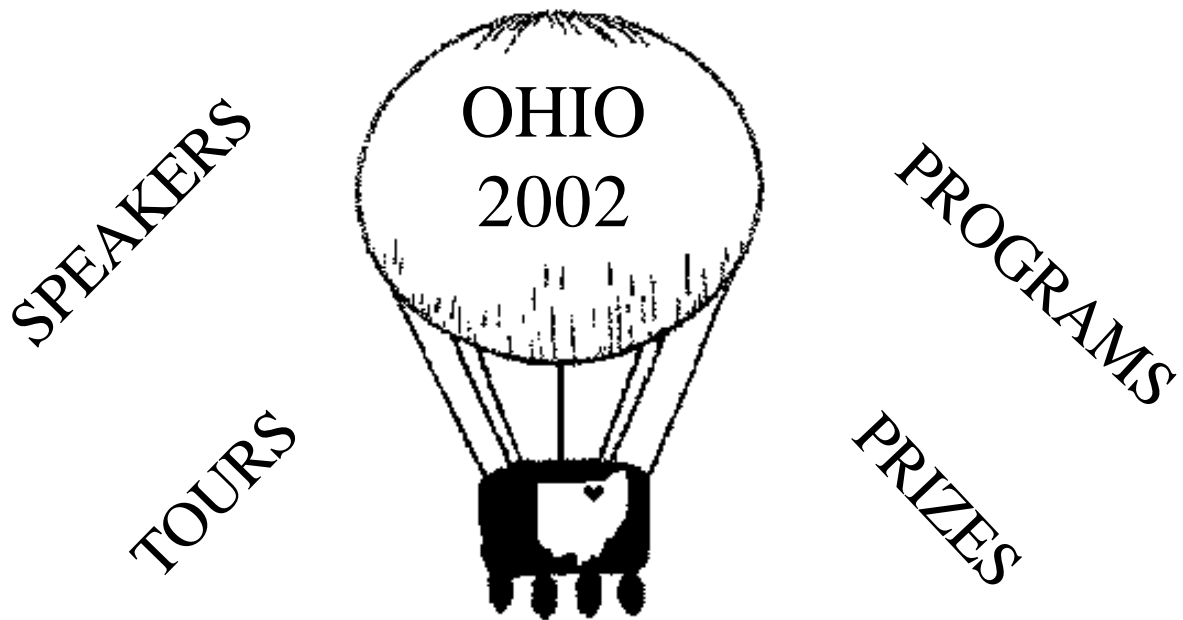
**What:** YLRL 2002 Convention

**Who:** Sponsored by the Young Ladies Radio League, Inc.  
(YLRL), Buckeye Belles and Chix YL Club

**When:** Aug. 2-4, 2002

**Where:** Clarion Hotel, Middleburg Hts, OH

**Why:** To promote YLs and introduce YLs to amateur radio



## YLRL 2002 Convention

For more information and registration forms:

**Chairman:** Nancy Hall, KC4IYD -- [kc4iyd@arrl.net](mailto:kc4iyd@arrl.net)

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**Co-Chairman:** Jean Ruth, KB8YHN -- [kb8yhn@arrl.net](mailto:kb8yhn@arrl.net)

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# UNIVERSAL RADIO TOP 80 ITEMS: Prices & Specials

Catalog 01-01 Update  
Printed: 02/08/02

**➤ ALINCO** *Alinco promotion ends 02/28/02.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#4238	DJ-196T	\$139.95		\$139.95	66
#1596	DJ-596T	219.95		219.95	
#0472	DJ-V5TH	229.95		229.95	66
#0222	DJ-X 2T	219.95		219.95	
#1003	DJ-X 3T	249.95	New item!	249.95	
#3610	DJ-X10T	329.95		329.95	15
#2020	DJ-X2000T	835.00		499.95	16
#1980	DR-135T	169.95		169.95	62
#4236	DR-135TP	269.95		269.95	62
#0033	DX-70TH	749.95		749.95	57
#3689	DX-77T	739.95		739.95	57

**➤ AOR** *AOR promotion ends 03/31/01.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#3265	AR-8200MkII	\$559.95		\$559.95	15
#0860	AR-8600	\$849.95	Free Book #3301	849.95	16

**➤ DRAKE** *Drake promotion ends 03/31/02.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0082	R8B	1348.95	Free Book #1000	\$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	99.95	New lower price	79.95	21
#0400	YB-400PE	169.95	New lower price	149.95	21

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**➤ ICOM** *ICOM promotion ends 03/31/02.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1610	207H	\$299.95	Free OPC-600	\$299.95	61
#3450	706Mk2-G	1099.95	\$200 Off +Free RMK706	899.95	58
#0718	718	724.95	UT106 & \$125 Coupon	599.95	58
#0074	746 Pro	1899.95	New!	1899.95	
#4019	756 Pro DEMO	2449.98	\$450 Off Coupon	1999.98	58
#1756	756 Pro II	2969.95	New!	2969.95	
#1256	2100H	179.95	\$30 Off Coupon	149.95	61
#1153	2800H	549.95	\$50 Off Coupon	499.95	61
#3100	PCR100-12	239.99		239.99	13
#3628	PCR1000-02	399.99	\$50 Off Coupon	349.99	13
#2488	R 2-06	179.95	CSWHHRX & \$20 Coupon	159.95	15
#3333	R 3-26		Sale & \$100 Off Coupon	349.99	12
#3550	R10-05	349.99	CSWHHRX & \$50 Coupon	299.99	14
#0175	R75		UT106 & \$200 Coupon	569.99	6
#1850	R8500-02	1699.95	Free Book #3301	1449.99	13
#4429	T2H Sport	99.95		99.95	
#3052	T7H	199.95		199.95	64
#3795	T81A	299.95	\$20 Off Coupon	279.95	64
#0088	V8	169.95	\$20 Off Coupon	149.95	
#4080	V8000		New!	249.95	

ICOM "Sweetheart" sale through 02/14/01. Call for details.

**➤ JAPAN RADIO CO.** *JRC promotion ends 03/31/02.*

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

**➤ KENWOOD** *Kenwood promotion ends 02/28/02.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1575	TH-22ATK2	\$219.95		\$219.95	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)	1069.95	\$100 Coupon	969.95	54
#2519	TS-570S(G)	1269.95	\$100 Coupon	1169.95	54
#1978	TS-2000	2199.95	\$500 Coupon	1699.95	54
#2797	TS-2000X	2699.95	\$500 Coupon	2199.95	54
#1937	TS-B2000	1799.95	\$500 Coup. & RC2000	1299.95	54

**➤ SANGEAN** *Sangean promotion ends 02/28/02.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#2181	ATS-404	\$89.95		\$89.95	22
#3505	ATS-505P	129.95	(Includes AC PS)	129.95	
#3319	ATS-606AP	119.95		119.95	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	(60 day backorder)	\$349.95	18
#0007	ICF-SW07	399.95		399.95	19
#0017	ICF-SW11	49.95		49.95	20
#0135	ICF-SW35	89.95		89.95	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	(90 day backorder)	169.95	

**➤ YAESU** *Yaesu promotion ends 03/31/02.*

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	369.99	\$50 Coupon	319.99	61
#3473	FT-100D	1099.95	\$200 Coupon	899.99	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	\$200 Coupon	1299.95	56
#2360	FT-1000MP-V	3099.99	\$500 Coupon	2599.99	56
#2736	FT-1500M	219.95	\$60 Coupon	159.95	62
#3869	FT-2600M	219.95	\$50 Coupon	169.95	62
#3774	FT-3000M	299.95	New low price.	299.95	62
#0071	FT-7100M	439.95	\$150 Coupon	289.95	
#0120	VR-120	189.99	\$50 Coupon	139.99	
#0500	VR-500	309.95	\$50 Coupon	259.95	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	\$70 Coupon	269.95	65
#4430	VX-5RS	339.95	\$70 Coupon	269.95	65
#3187	VX-150/64B	159.95	\$30 Coupon	129.95	65



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Subject: SM reports and contest results in QST

From: Gary Johnston <ki4la@arrl.org>

Dear Colleague,

Thanks to so many of you who have responded to the SM reports/contest results issue after the proposal to remove the same from QST became known. Many of you will be happy to learn that the Board felt that more study, reflection and input was necessary before removing these sections from QST, and that the decision has been deferred for reconsideration at the July 2002

Board meeting.

Meanwhile, Director Walt Stinson has written the following letter that I think you will find of interest and that I strongly recommend to your attention.

Also, I recommend that you visit the GL Division SM pages on iARRL by

Gary Johnston, K14LA@arrl.org

Vice Director Great Lakes Division January 20, 2002

Dear Fellow League Members,

A proposal to change the way we publish section news and contest line lists was presented by K1RO, QST publisher, and K1ZZ, Executive Vice President of the League, eight weeks ago at a meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee, which I chaired. The committee was persuaded by the rationale behind this proposal and voted to recommend its adoption at the January board meeting. The proposed changes will improve section news and contest coverage, free up editorial space in QST for items of greater general interest, and save money that can be spent on more pressing matters, like protecting our frequencies and our right to put up antennas. There are many more compelling reasons to support the proposal. However, due to the nature of the changes, the way the information got out ahead of the explanation, and the concerns expressed by some members, the board decided to wait until July to act on the recommendation. Perhaps by then, people will have a chance to cool down, get the information they need, and maybe even feel comfortable that this is actually a good thing. In the meantime, in a gesture of leadership and commitment, the board voted to relocate its meeting minutes from QST to the Web.

Our editors are asking to publish "special interest" information on the Web site so that QST can be a better general interest magazine and be published more economically. Section News and contest line listings consume 176 pages per year, enough to fill an entire issue. The marginal cost of publishing this information in QST is about \$100,000 a year (not including mailing).

There's no doubt that section news has readers (I am one of them- and I read line scores, too!). That's not at issue. The problem is that few people, if any, read the entire section news. Just 27% read it at all. Most read just one or two of the 71 section reports. For example, we print 1.7 million copies of the Colorado Section News each year for about 5,000 members (as well as 1.7 million copies of the Virgin Island Section News for 77 members!). We print 30 million pages a year line scores and Section News. That's a monumental waste of League resources.

Contest line listings are also of large interest to a small group. There are those who argue that a call listing in QST is the primary means of recruiting new contesters. I agree with the QST editorial staff that general interest coverage of contest events is a better way to promote activity.

Moreover, contesters as a group are already heavy users of the Web. The board and its management team have set some big goals for the League:

1. Attract young people to amateur radio.
2. Protect our frequencies from commercial interests.
3. Make it easier for us to put up antennas.

We need your support and encouragement to improve our efficiency so that we can do a better job of funding these pressing issues. We are asking you to accept a few changes along the way to help us address the priorities of the organization.

Let me to set the record straight. No one is arguing that section news or contest line scores are no longer important, or that these activities will no longer be covered in QST. Board level support of these activities is as strong as ever. We simply have a better, cheaper and faster way to deliver targeted section information and contest score lists than we had 30 years ago. To get a taste it, go to the Web, click on your section in the upper right, and check out what has already been done already by your section manager. To see a bit of the great potential of this new service, check the Santa Clara Valley section. Section Managers now have virtually unlimited space to upload timely information as well as photos and data tables. Also, check out our contest results in PDF (with searchable data files on the way).

Whether you feel strongly or not, one way or the other, drop a note or an e-mail to your division director and let him know your views.

73, Walt Stinson, W0CP ARRL Director (RM)

**THE LANCASTER AND FAIRFIELD COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

Monthly Meeting Notes \*\* February 7, 2002

The monthly meeting was called to order by President, Larry Wright, KB8AHK

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Wright

Our visitor for the evening was Paul Solek, WA1IWH

**Secretary's Report:**

Candy Wright – KC8NQG Report was read for the month of January 3, 2002. Motion to accept was made by Charlie Snoke, N8KZN; seconded by Jim Gaffney, N8JEG.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ed Campbell – WD8PGO Report was read for the month of January 3, 2002. Motion to accept was made by Bob Bickel, N8UTE; seconded by Ralph Howes, W8BVH.

**V. E. Testing:**

Harry Vollmer – W8LXC – testing will be on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Red Cross, 121 W. Mulberry Street, Lancaster.

**Net Manager:**

Brenda Van Dyke – KC8OYP. Bob Bickel has been downloading the newslines which has been working out fine. Thanks Bob.

**Ragchewer Editor:**

Bob Bickel – N8UTE dead line for putting information in the Ragchewer is the Wednesday following the meeting.

**Flower Fund:**

Marie Moore – KB8VOL Jim Gaffney, N8JEG, was the winner.

**Emergency Coordinator:**

Ed Campbell – WD8PGO There will be a weather spotters class at the Red Cross, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**50-50:**

Connie Snoke – N8LPC The winner was John Christman, KB8ABT.

**Old Business:**

Bill Migley, VP – Club Librarian, WB8DHG, thanked everybody for the magazines for the library and has subscribed to CQ and 73 also. Larry Wright, KB8AHK, said we received the covered bridge special event license, W8A. The special event will be set up at the covered bridge in the fairgrounds on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup>. If available to help, contact Larry Wright, 653-2071. The club was contacted by the Pleasantville Parade Committee for help during the parade, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**New Business:**

Field Day Chairman will be Chuck Bruckelmeyer, W8LCT. Field Day will be June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Goba Bike Tour will be coming through Fairfield County on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Here's the MARCH 2002 Ragchewer!**

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