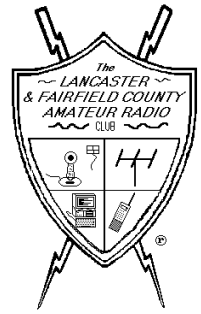


# The Ragchewer



January 2003

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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 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)

## **January Birthdays**

Gregory F. Shires  
Edward L. Campbell  
Gary Boyer  
John L. Wilkinson  
Constance L. Snoko  
Richard A. Lytle  
Larry E. Brunney  
Harry C. Vollmer  
Albert "Tom" Whited  
Michael P. Hamilton  
Juanita R. Gaffney

Subject: Amateur Radio

Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 11:35:45 -0800 (PST)

From: Perry Amateur Radio Club <perryamateurclub@yahoo.com>

To: Club All <perryamateurclub@yahoo.com>

The Perry County Amateur Club would like to thank everyone for all their assistance this year. We know how hard it is to find time to do all the things we need to let alone to volunteer. With all the help and support from all. You have made this year a great success. We can not think of a better group to work with and enjoy sending time with. Again we thank you and look forward to next year.

Marry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Subject: Amateur Radio

Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 12:30:47 -0800 (PST)

From: Perry Amateur Radio Club <perryamateurclub@yahoo.com>

To: Club All <perryamateurclub@yahoo.com>

The Perry County Amateur Club would like to wish all a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing all in the new year. The Perry County Amateur Club would like to challenge all to introduce one new person to amateur radio in the new year. After you achieve this challenge contact us and let us know.  
Perry Amateur Club

RagChewer - AllenSellers

Dear Bob, Here is a summary of the VE testing team's activities for 2002. There were six scheduled testing sessions at the Red Cross, one special session for a serviceman home on leave at the club house and one for special circumstances. During the year twelve volunteer examiners participated with Fred - W8FZ, Harry - W8LXC and Larry - N8EPY at all of them. Forty six applicants took tests and forty upgraded or got licenses. Licenses (or credits) earned were eleven Extra, eight General, twenty Technician and one TechPlus. Our tests are always held on the third Sunday of even months.

I really appreciate the support the VE members have provided to me. I am not always certain how many will show up at the testing sessions because it is difficult to remind everyone in a timely fashion. One time this year, seven VE's showed up and administered tests to three applicants. Thanks folks.

If any members are interested in attending or teaching Ham classes, I would like to know. You don't have to be an expert to teach a class and it is very rewarding. The CW class recently offered has ended and so far two class members have taken and passed the Element One (CW) test.

Regards - Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

The Lancaster and Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club Monthly Minutes

- Meeting called to order by the Vice President.
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Richard Scheliffer
  - o New flag noted (Holiday Parade)
- Visitors
  - o No Visitors
- New Applications
  - o Tim Deitz (KC8VKW)
- Secretary Report
  - o Read by Jon Larabee
  - o Motion Made to accept by Bob Bickel, Seconded by Richard Scheliffer
- Treasury Report (Ed Campbell)
  - o List of Dues
  - o Funds Taken in / Balance
  - o Motion made to accept by John (W8OF), Seconded by Jeremy Burgess
- Trustee's Report (Richard Schlieffer)
  - o Contact Procedure. Must id every 10 minutes and at the end of the conversation. Net operators often pass control via call sign. License renewal is in. Follow up may be needed.
- Vice President's Report (Tom Moore)
  - o No Report
- Activities Manager (Charlie Snoke)
  - o Salvation Army food delivered.
  - o Thanks for attending the Christmas party.
  - o Mention of new second Saturday meeting for breakfast. 9 am at Todd's Mountain view Inn. The 11<sup>th</sup> is the current date, as well as the 25<sup>th</sup>, but it will be announced on the net again as well.
  - o Possible skating party enque.
- Station Engineer (John Wolfe)
  - o Encoder/Decoder will be installed when weather is better
  - o 140 feet of the tower will be gone. There is talk of putting up a whole new 300 foot tower. Updates will be given. Bob has been pulling the news line through the internet. A little coupler can be bought to save him some money on the call via patching through the repeater. Fred motioned to purchase said device, Richard seconded it, none were opposed.
- VE Testing (No Report Not Present)
- Net Manager (No Report, Not Present)
- Emergency Coordinator (Ed Campbell)
  - o The household we provided for seemed down on their luck and were well deserving of our help. They were quite grateful
  - o Special events contact was shown
  - o February 20<sup>th</sup>, Severe weather seminar at the Red Cross (Weather Spotters)
  - o Vests issue was brought up and a flyer was passed around. Gary suggested some hunting vests could be purchased for 3-4 dollars. Was tabled to next month.
- Safety (Scott Snoke, No Report)
- Refreshments
  - o Tom Moore will provide them for next month
- Closing
  - o Richard made the motion, Bob Bickel seconded it.

Subject: Digital Symposium  
Date: 16 Dec 2002 16:27:49 -0000  
From: "ARRL Web site" <memberlist@www.arrl.org>  
CC: Subscribed ARRL Members: ;  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Have an interest in CW, RTTY, APRS, Packet Radio, AMTOR, or any other form of digital modes? Then the Digital Symposium at Miami University -Middletown should be in your plans next month.

The Seventeenth Annual Southwest Ohio Digital Symposium will be Saturday, January 11, 2003; 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The location is Thesken Hall, on the Middletown Campus, Miami University, Middletown (OH) and the admission and parking are free.

The schedule is full of forum speakers, practical demonstrations and audience participation as all these digital modes are explored.

Sponsored by The Center for Chemistry Education, Miami University-Middletown, DIAL Radio Club, and The Ohio Packet Council and is affiliated with The American Radio Relay League.

Program chairman for the Year-2003 event is Hank Greeb, N8XX, Cincinnati, who can be reached at <n8xx@arrl.net>. For more details and directions see <<http://www.swohdigi.org/>>.

ARRL Ohio Section

Section Manager: Joseph J. Phillips, K8QOE

Subject: [Fwd: ARLB074 FCC seeks comments on Amateur Radio-related petitions]

Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 21:01:35 -0500

CC: Subscribed ARRL Members: ;

ARRL Bulletin 74 ARLB074

>From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT December 30, 2002

To all radio amateurs

SB QST ARL ARLB074

ARLB074 FCC seeks comments on Amateur Radio-related petitions

The FCC is inviting comments on two Amateur Radio-related petitions for rule making. Both have been put on public notice and are available for public review and comment. In his petition, designated RM-10620, Dale Reich, K8AD, has asked the Commission to automatically upgrade Novice and Advanced license holders to the next license class if the licensee has 20 or more years of operating experience. Among other proposed changes in his "merit and service upgrade" schedule, Reich asks that Novice phone privileges in the 2-meter band be reinstated for those still holding that license.

In his petition, Reich asserts that the proposed changes could augment public service abilities on the part of the affected licensees.

In petition RM-10621, AMSAT-NA has asked the FCC to drop its presently required 27-month pre-space notification to the FCC's international branch for Amateur Satellite launches and substitute a pre-space notification within 30 days of a launch commitment.

The comment deadline for both petitions is January 17, 2003. Interested parties may view the Reich and AMSAT petitions and file comments via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System on the web

at, <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html> . Commenters should include full name, US Postal Service mailing address and the applicable rulemaking number.

**The Lancaster  
and Fairfield  
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N8JEG

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W9ZZX

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and  
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N8UTE

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W8LCT

## Public Service Communications



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

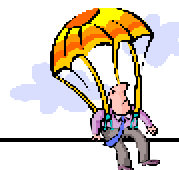
### Weather Spotter Training

American Red Cross  
Building  
131 W. Mulberry St.  
Lancaster, Ohio  
Feb. 20, 2003  
6:30 pm. -8:30 pm.

### VE Testing

Capital Law University  
303 E. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio  
Jan.11 At 9:00 Am.

VE TESTING= Sunday February 16 , 9:30 A.M. American Red  
Cross 131 W. Mulberry St. Lancaster ,Ohio



**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 W8CMH 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> .

The Foundation For Amateur Radio, Inc.



Washington, DC

# **AMATEUR RADIO NEWS RELEASE**

## **For Immediate Release**

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer fifty-eight (58) scholarships for the academic year 2003 - 2004 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds seven of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. The remaining fifty-one (51) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

Licensed Radio Amateurs may compete for these awards if they plan to pursue a full-time course of studies beyond high school and are enrolled in or have been accepted for enrollment at an accredited university, college or technical school. The awards range from \$500 to \$2500 with preference given in some cases to residents of specified geographical areas or the pursuit of certain study programs. Clubs, especially those in **Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin**, are encouraged to announce these opportunities at their meetings, in their club newsletters, during training classes, on their nets and on their world wide web home pages.

Additional information and an application form may be requested by letter or QSL card, postmarked prior to April 30, 2003 from:

FAR Scholarships  
Post Office Box 831  
Riverdale, MD 20738

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, incorporated in the District of Columbia, is an exempt organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interests of Amateur Radio and those scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

# AMERICAN RED CROSS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY DISASTER CLASS SCHEDULE 2003



Monday, January 13, 6 pm – 9 pm  
MASS CARE: AN OVERVIEW

Wednesday, January 29, 6 pm - 9:30 pm  
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Monday, February 17, 6 pm – 9:30 pm  
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES- PART I

Tuesday, February 18, 6 pm – 9:30 pm  
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES- PART II

Monday, March 10, 6 pm – 9 pm  
DISASTER ACTION TEAMS (DAT)- PART I

Tuesday, March 11, 6 pm – 9 pm  
DISASTER ACTION TEAMS (DAT)- PART II

\* All disaster classes are free of charge and are held at the Chapter House, 121 W. Mulberry St., Lancaster. For more information and to register please call (740) 687-5585.



# UNIVERSAL RADIO TOP 80 ITEMS: Prices & Specials

Catalog 02-02 Update  
Printed: 01/04/03

**➤ ALINCO** *Alinco promotion ends 01/31/03.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#4238	DJ-196T	\$139.95		\$139.95	66
#1596	DJ-596T	219.95		219.95	66
#0472	DJ-V5TH	229.95		229.95	66
#0222	DJ-X 2T	219.95		219.95	
#1003	DJ-X 3T	239.95		239.95	21
#3610	DJ-X10T	329.95		329.95	19
#2020	DJ-X2000T	769.95		499.95	21
#1980	DR-135T	169.95		169.95	62
#4236	DR-135TP	269.95		269.95	62
#3621	DR-605TQ	349.95		349.95	
#0620	DR-620T	369.95	New item!	369.95	
#0033	DX-70TH	749.95		749.95	57

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

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#3662	AR-5000+3B	\$2099.95	Free Book #0042	\$2099.95	20
#0083	AR-8200Mk3B	589.95	New. Free Book #0042	589.95	
#1860	AR-8600Mk2B	889.95	Free Book #0042	889.95	

**➤ DRAKE** *Drake promotion ends 01/06/03.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0082	R8B	1348.95	Free Book #0042	\$1348.95	11

**➤ GRUNDIG** *Grundig promotion ends 01/15/03.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0077	eTraveller VII	99.95		\$99.95	7
#0800	Satellit 800	499.95	Free MiniWorld 100PE	499.95	6
#0400	YB-400PE	149.95	Free Stand #0022	149.95	6

**➤ ICOM** *ICOM promotion ends 01/31/03*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1610	207H	\$299.95	\$20+\$30 Coupon	\$249.95	61
#3450	706Mk2-g	1069.95	\$250+\$20 Coupon +RMK706	799.95	58
#0718	718	724.95	\$125+\$50 Coupon	549.95	58
#0074	746 Pro	1899.95	+\$200 Coupon +PS125	1699.95	58
#1756	756 Pro II	2969.95	+\$200 Coupon +PS125	2769.95	58
#1910	910H	1474.95	\$275+\$50 Coupon	1149.95	58
#2100	2100H-25N	179.95	+\$30 Coupon	149.95	
#0272	2720H	399.95	+\$20 Coupon	379.95	
#2481	Q7A	129.95	\$10+\$10 Coupon	109.95	64
#1002	PCR1000-02BON	399.95	\$25+\$20 Coupon+ #0042	354.95	
#2488	R 2-06	179.95	\$20+\$10 C. +Spectrum Chart	149.95	18
#3333	R 3-26	469.95	\$100+\$10 C. +Spectrum Chart	359.95	17
#3550	R10-05	349.95	\$50+\$10 C. +Spectrum Chart	289.95	19
#0175	R75	799.95	\$200+\$50 Coupon +UT106	549.95	10
#1850	R8500-02	1499.95	+\$100 C. +Book #3301	1399.95	17
#4429	T2H Sport	99.95	+\$10 Coupon	89.95	64
#3052	T7H	199.95	\$10+\$10 Coupon	179.95	64
#0690	T90A	259.95	+\$10 Coupon	249.95	
#0088	V8	164.95	\$35+\$10 Off Coupon	119.95	64
#4080	V8000	249.95	\$50+\$20 Off Coupon	179.95	61
#0838	W32A	279.95	+\$10 Off Coupon	269.95	

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

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#1545	NRD-545DSP	1799.95	Free JRC ST-3	\$1799.95	12

**➤ KENWOOD** *Kenwood promotion ends 01/31/03.*

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		389.95	63
#3699	TH-G71A(H)	249.95		249.95	63
#2164	TM-261A	149.95		149.95	60
#4116	TM-D700A	599.95		599.95	60
#1621	TM-G707A	299.95		299.95	60
#3565	TM-V7A	429.95		429.95	60
#1862	TS-570D(G)	1069.95	\$200 Rebate	869.95	54
#2519	TS-570S(G)	1269.95	\$200 Rebate	1069.95	54
#1978	TS-2000	1949.95	Free Heil GM4 mic	1949.95	54
#2797	TS-2000X	2449.95	Free Heil GM4 mic	2449.95	54
#1937	TS-B2000	1549.95	Free Heil GM4 mic	1549.95	54

TS570D/S prices shown are after manufacturer's rebate

**➤ SANGEAN** *Sangean promotion ends 03/31/03.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#3505	ATS-505P	\$129.95		\$129.95	5
#3319	ATS-606AP	119.95		119.95	5
#0936	ATS-808A	119.95		119.95	5
#2754	ATS-818 SL	149.95		149.95	5
#1069	ATS-818ACS	199.95		199.95	5
#1909	ATS-909	239.95	Free SR25V AM/FM/TV	239.95	5
#4403	CC Radio+ GRAY	169.95	Free Book FM Atlas	169.95	23
#4404	CC Radio+ SILV	169.95	Free Book FM Atlas	169.95	23

**➤ SONY** *Please call.*

**➤ TEN-TEC** *Ten-Tec promotion ends 01/31/03.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#0320	RX-320	\$294.95		\$294.95	14
#0340	RX-340	\$3950.00		\$3859.00	16
#0350	RX-350	\$1199.00		\$1099.00	15

**➤ YAESU** *Yaesu promotion ends 01/12/03.*

Order	Model	Regular	Comment	Price	Pg.
#2786	FRG-100B	\$599.00		\$599.95	62
#3070	FT-50RD-41	269.95	\$50 Coupon	219.95	65
#1242	FT-90R	359.95	\$90 Coupon	269.95	62
#3473	FT-100D	1094.95	\$275 Coupon	819.95	57
#0817	FT-817	759.95	\$130 Coupon	629.95	56
#2319	FT-840	739.95	\$150 Coupon	589.95	56
#1467	FT-847	1849.95	\$400 Coupon	1449.95	56
#0897	FT-897	1044.95	\$65 Coupon	979.95	
#1955	FT-920	1499.95	\$250 Coupon	1249.95	56
#2360	FT-1000MPV	3099.99	\$750 Coupon	2349.99	56
#2736	FT-1500M	219.95	\$60 Coupon	159.95	62
#0890	FT-8900R	439.95	New!	439.95	
#3120	VR-120D	204.95	\$85 Coupon	119.95	
#0500	VR-500	319.95	\$110 Coupon	209.95	19
#0050	VR-5000	899.95	\$300 Coupon & #0042	599.95	20
#3652	VX-1R	199.95	\$60 Coupon	139.95	65
#1795	VX-5R BLACK	349.95	\$110 Coupon	239.95	65
#4430	VX-5RS SILVER	349.95	\$110 Coupon	239.95	65
#0777	VX-7R SILVER	369.95	\$50 Coupon	319.95	
#0778	VX-7RB BLACK	368.95	\$50 Coupon	318.95	
#3187	VX-150/64B	169.95	\$40 Coupon	129.95	65



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## **Here's the January 2003 Ragchewer!**

- ◆ *Activities*
- ◆ *Upcoming Exams*
- ◆ *Public Service Communications*
- ◆ *Repeater/Net News*
- ◆ *Up coming Events*
- ◆ *And More.....*