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April Issue

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The Ragchewer



April 2005

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 Clubhouse, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 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

Spring has Sprung!

And not a moment too soon. I am sure we all are enjoying the beautiful weather, and lack of shivering cold. Progress has continued on our repairs to the Club House in terms of acquiring materials for the rotor and other plans are being laid each meeting. Some exciting changes are obviously taking place! Hopefully we can take it upon ourselves to work a little HF, and enjoy the good company of our friends. I would personally like to thank Mr. Hilliard, and those involved in helping prepare the club for further operation in the coming years. Soon, we will be bringing out the lemonade, and having cookouts in the warmer, pleasant weather. This particular issue of the Ragchewer again may not be as full as I would like it, due to my time constraints. We have had a phenomenal list of people who have helped out with particular issues due to my inability to serve as secretary. I would again like to thank all of them. Another round of thanks should be lent to those who have taken it upon themselves to run the Net. These individuals have taken time out of their evenings to ensure that we keep up with the Net, and continue to offer a way to measure the number of active HAM operators out in our vicinity!

Important Events

There is at least one very important event coming up:

The Radio Club has been requested to help with the MS Walk on April 23 Meet at the AAA Building on the Fair Grounds at 0800 hrs. Last year we had only five to help we sure can use more this year. This is a Saturday morning will only take a few hours of your time should be done before noon. Dress for the weather, bring your radio (Mobile or HT) and prepare to help.

Let's try to get some people out there and help out! This is what HAM radio is all about! If you can help out during the mentioned times, please contact Mr. Campbell (Ed) via email or phone. If you need contact information please let me (Jon) know.

Secondly, we have a Hazmat exercise coming up in June. Please contact Ed. Snr. if you believe you can help out. It is taking place on June fourth. These events are important to attend due to the involvement and funding we have been given by the EMA.

Submissions

Submission of articles are always welcome! I could certainly use more content for the Ragchewer. I would like to thank everyone who has been donating recipes, project ideas, and other general content for publication. I do apologize if there are any mistakes, and I appreciate any type of criticism. This publication ultimately was created to serve the club and its needs. If you have any ideas or submissions, please email:
jlarabee@greenapple.com

April Minutes

Meeting called to order by the President

Tom Moe spoke on the EMA, thanked the club for its participation. He showcased the new EMA vehicle with the communications equipment on board. (Chevy Suburban). Also mentioned was the upcoming Hazmat exercise on June 4.

Applications - Two applications

Trustee's Report - Richard W9ZZX has resigned his position due to the fact that he is going to be traveling

2 new members John Lawson KB8USP and George Lambert (KB8USP).

Vice President's report

MS Walk has given us two hundred dollars in advance. At the AAA Building we need twelve people at about eight thirty to nine o'clock. The event will be over by one. It takes place on April 23, nine volunteers at the meeting.

Activities - Christmas party is December 17 at Ponderosa on East Main.

Station Engineer - Echo linking our repeater may take place on the UHF machine, a tone would need to be added (Bob VanDyke W8RUD). Bob Snyder motioned it to be put on the 443.875 and it would be monitored by Bob, Wife, and Gary for proper conduct. Hollywood seconded this. Motion carried.

VE Testing - April 17th at the Clubhouse

Net Control Stations

April 11 - ???

April 18 - W8OF

April 25 - ???

May 2 - KC8HCD

Emergency Coordinator - Certificates for 12/04 storm show passed out from the Red Cross. There is a class for operation of the Fire Radio's and names were taken for the training mentioned. Lancaster Festival was talked about as well. Eight to ten volunteers are needed for the June 4 Hazmat exercise.

Flower Fund - Kay KC8HJW - Portia Stevens was not present to win.

Old Buisness

Ham IV rotor has been purchased, need rotor base plate (flat) for proper operation. Cable has also been purchased. T-Shirt info was discussed.

New Buisness

DVD player given away to Fred Stutske (W8FZ)

Motion to Adjourn - Made by Harry, seconded by Leonard.

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

2004/2005 Officers

President:
Charles Snoke
N8KZN

Vice President:
Tom Moore
KB8USK

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Ed Campbell Sr.
WD8PGO

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W80F

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W9ZZX

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KC8RUI

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W8GTS

Weather Spotter Net
146.67 Repeater with
123Hz tone every Tuesday
at 7:30 PM
Alt Freq 147.240 Mhz

April Birthdays

Virginia M. Steible (KC8DJP)
Mary Webb (KC8GUN)
Richard Smith (WA8VCV)
William Tschopp (WA8WRM)
James Whitaker (W8HOS)
Robert Hughs (KI8JM)
Becky Numbers (KC8NQE)
Anna Campbell (KB8NRR)
Donald Jefferies (KC8WMF)

Doing Anything Thursday Nights?

No? Well why not drop by the club house! Radio night takes place every Thursday night at 6:30 PM. Perhaps you wish to work a little HF? Maybe make a few DX contacts? There is apt to be something being built! Not into building? Perhaps just a hot cup of coffee and a few good stories are more to your liking? Nonetheless, we will have them all here waiting for you.

K8QIK On the Web: <http://www.qsl.net/k8qik/>

April Recipe

Unfortunately, I have not been given a recipe for this month so I am afraid I am going to have to give a go alone! I hope we all don't regret this! (I am not the greatest cook in the world!) Nonetheless, I will give it a go. Now, we are approaching summer, and one of my most favorite things to do when the weather starts getting nice is to get a few friends together and start doing some serious grilling! Now I try to eat healthy, so I figure a little chicken grilling might not hurt! Here is a nice recipe I dug up which I am planning to use here soon!

- * 2 cups cider vinegar
- * 1/2 cup barbecue sauce (DM Yummers is great!)
- * 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- * 2 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes
- * 1/2 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper (I like it hot)
- * 1/2 teaspoon salt
- * 5 to 6 pounds chicken parts (various)

In a medium saucepan, combine vinegar, barbecue sauce, oil, crushed pepper, cayenne, and salt. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Cook 2 to 3 minutes; set aside. Place chicken skin side up over medium coals on preheated grill. Grill for 15 to 20 minutes. Remove each piece of chicken and dip in barbecue sauce. Return to grill and cook, covered, 45 minutes or until tender, basting with sauce every 10 minutes. Usually I find grilled food goes really well with some cold OJ or some lemonade.