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**March Issue**

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# The Ragchewer

March 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

## Beware the Ides of March!

Or so Ceaser was told! It seems that there is a lot of illness wandering around this March. I think a number of people I know, including myself have managed to pick up rather nasty ailments. We have some rather interesting changes in this issue. I have been able to get the software I am using to import a variety of True Type fonts which should allow for the use of fonts that might be a little more conservative on ink. There are a couple of important happenings like the MS walk that we all should try to come out and help with. The weather is supposed to start getting nice here soon and I am sure we all could use a little fresh air after being cooped up for the winter! I have recieved quite a few changes in email addresses here which I am working on sorting out. The last issue of the Ragchewer was not sent out (actually on purpose) to those on the email list. The reason being is that I wanted people to be able to compare the two, but unfortunately I have not had very much time to get much done since demands at work have been rather taxing. Things have been extremely taxing timewise and on the amount of time available to get this publication done, so I hope you call can forgive me if the content is a little sparse this time. Since I have had difficulty with the impending date of getting this out, the proofreader is not at fault for grammatical or spelling errors in this issue as he has not seen it aforehand. Thank you all for your patience.

## 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.

## 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 recipies, project ideas, and other general content for publication. I do apologize if there are any mistakes, and I apperciate any type of criticism. This publication ultimatly was created to serve the club and its needs. If you have any ideas or submissions, please email: [jarabee@greenapple.com](mailto:jarabee@greenapple.com)

## Contact Information

Currently, there seems to be a great deal of drift in email addresses. I have many which seem to bounce back. I am going to be removing those from the list that I email to which bounce, and I will be giving that list to Ed. Most likely we will be calling individuals whose emails bounce, and see if we can get a valid address in order to get the Ragchewer to you. If you know of anyone who after talking with them in the next couple of weeks has failed to get the Ragchewer by email, please let me know.

## March Minutes

Meeting called to order by the President. Several visitors

W8AGS     John Lawson  
K8RSP     Dave Woolf  
KDAWK     Rob Stampfli  
KB8USP    George Lambert

Treasurer's Report was read by Ed Campbell Snr.

Motion to Accept by Fred (W8FZ)

Seconded by Bob (KI8JM)

Vice Report - None

Activities - None

Station Engineer - HAM IV Roto (Universal Radio, Approved for Purchase)

Safety - None

Secretary - Not Present

VE Testing - 3rd Sunday in April at the Clubhouse in February we had 2 extra classes, and 1 renewal.

Net Manager

3/7    John Hillard (W80F)

3/14   Charlie Snoke (N8KZN)

3/21   Fred Stutske (W8FZ)

3/28   Gary Snider (W8GTS)

4/4    Leonard (W8DDQ)

Ragchewer - Still looking for submissions.

Emergency Coordinator - Firehouse Antenna will be installed when the weather gets better. March 14th Weather spotter class at the Red Cross, 6:30 to 8:30 call for pre-registration.

Old Buisness - Buying the old rotor replacement as per President stated earlier. Radio night mentioned, Field day has had no takers yet.

New Buisness - Lake Co, Hamfest 4/3. N8KZN - DVD 82.00 - tickets will be passed out and given away. May 28 the Military Amateur Raido service day in observance of memorial day. We may participate at the mall. Charlie is looking into this. Looking into getting silkscreened shirts and badges.

Motion to adjourn - W8FZ seconded by W8OF.

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

2004/2005 Officers

President:  
Charles Snoke  
N8KZN

Vice President:  
Tom Moore  
KB8USK

Treasurer:  
Ed Campbell Sr.  
WD8PGO

Secretary:  
Jon Larabee  
KC8RUI

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KC8HJW

Station Engineer:  
John Hilliard  
W80F

Trustee:  
Richard A. Schleiffer  
W9ZZX

Editor:  
Jon Larabee  
KC8RUI

Proofreader:  
Gary Snider  
W8GTS

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

*March Birthdays*

John Hull (W8RRJ)  
Earl E. Ogg (AABAT)  
Allen Sellers (KB8JLG)  
Edward "Trey" Campbell (KC8DPH)  
Jeffery VanMeter (KA8HQL)  
Gary Snider (W8GTS)

*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/>

## March Recipe

This month's recipe for potato candy comes from Kay Hanna. Sounds pretty good! A special thank you to Kay for taking the time to "dig up" this special dish! (Pun intended).

1/2 c. cold mashed potatoes

4c. confectionary sugar-enough to make fondant easy to handle

Pinch of salt

1/2c. peanut butter creamy or chunky

1/2t. vanilla

Mix potatoes with powdered sugar, salt, and vanilla. Turn out on wax paper and roll into rectangle about 1/4" thick. Spread with peanut butter. Roll up like jelly roll. Chill about 8hrs. Cut into 1/4" slices.

If anyone else out there has a recipe, please feel free to submit it for publication.