

The Ragchewer

August 2008

The monthly newsletter of the
Lancaster & Fairfield
County Amateur Radio Club

On the Web: www.k8qik.org

Send email to K8QIK@columbus.rr.com

Club Meetings :

1st Thursday of every month
at 7:30 pm at the club house.

VE Testing:

The third Sunday of every
even numbered month.
Register at 9:30 am and
testing at 10:00 am

Club House

Location:

On State Route 37 (Granville
Pike) next to Beavers Field.

Nets:

Mondays at 9:00 p.m.
147.03 MHz (+.6)
146.70 MHz (-.6) Alt. Freq.
443.875 MHz (+5)
Sunday at 8:00 p.m.
443.875 MHz (+5)
UHF linked system

Packet BBS 145.53MHz
K8QIK-1 BBS
K8QIK-2: Ohio53

Weather Spotter Net:

146.76 Repeater with 123Hz
tone Tuesday at 7:30 pm
Alt frequency 147.24 MHz

Thursday Night Radio Night

Radio night is every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
(except the first Thursday which is the club
monthly meeting). Work a little HF, maybe
build something? How about a hot cup of
coffee. We'll have them all waiting for you.

ARRL Membership

When you join the ARRL, or renew your
membership through the club, we retain \$15 for
each new membership OR lapsed membership
(of two years or more), and we retain \$2 for
each renewal. Please support our club, it doesn't
cost any more. Send or give all paperwork to
Treasurer with your money.

August VE Test:

The next VE test will be Sunday August 17th
at the clubhouse on Route 37. Register at 9:30
a.m. and testing begins at 10:00 a.m. Prepare
yourself, take this test and upgrade!

Free Swap and Sell

If you have anything ham radio related, you can
swap it or sell it here. List your items for free.
Give a price and how to contact you. Send the
list to K8QIK@columbus.rr.com

Club Librarian

Allen Sellers, KB8JLG has volunteered to be the
club Librarian and is the one to see if you have
magazines to donate.

2007-2008 Officers

President:

Charlie Snoke, N8KZN

Vice President:

Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Treasurer:

Ed Campbell Sr., WD8PGO

Secretary:

Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Trustee:

John Hilliard, W8OF

Station Engineer:

John Hilliard, W8OF

Net Manager:

John Fick, KD8EEK

Activities Manager:

John Fick, KD8EEK

Public Relations:

Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Flower Fund:

Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Web Master:

Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Chief Cook and Bottle Washer:

Charlie Snoke, N8KZN

Editor:

To be named

August 7, 2008 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by President Charlie Snoke, N8KZN who lead the Pledge of Allegiance

There were 22 members present. One visitor, Paul Meyers, N2OPW. There were no applications to review.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes are posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept by John, W8OF and seconded by Allen, KB8JLG. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Campbell, Sr., WD8PGO

Ed gave the club financials. Ray, W8FLX made a motion to approve all expenditures that have been submitted to the Treasurer for payment, seconded by Allen, KB8JLG. All in favor. Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Kay, KC8HJW and seconded by Dave, K8KEG. Motion carried.

VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Mark reported that he has contacted Time Warner and was referred to the Columbus office. He has sent an email and made a phone call and no one has responded. He will continue to try to get an answer about getting Road Runner for the club.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John commented that with the remodeling of the upstairs and the kitchen, these are not items that will be done every year, though they have impacted our treasury this year. With the purchase of the cable for replacing the antenna cables and adding new antennas we should be in good shape for the winter period and for years to come. Charlie asked that a priority be given to the workstation being set up for handicapped downstairs.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Everything is up to date.

VE Testing: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

August 17th is next test.

Monday Night Net: John Fick, KD8EEK

Aug 11th John, W8AGS

Aug 18th John, W8OF

Aug 25th John, KD8EEK

Sept 1st TBA

Ragchewer: Pending Volunteer

No report, we need a volunteer to be editor for the Ragchewer.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the Lancaster Festival. We need volunteers for Millersport Parade for Sweet Corn Festival on August 27th. If you can volunteer, please contact Ed, WD8PGO. Mark, KC8TUW, Jim, N8JEG, Kay, KC8HJW and possibly John, W8OF volunteered for August 27th.

Ed received a call regarding the connector for the antenna in Lithopolis and the connector was given to them but to date the antenna has not been put up – waiting on volunteer who was installing antenna.

Ed reported that he had worked on the tornado sirens which were purchased from Lake County and that 20 rebuilt sirens have been installed throughout the county and have about 7 more to go once parts are received and installed.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John said that he has the computer (Mary KD8EEI received donation from volunteer organization), radio donated by Jack (AE8P) and interface donated by Robert (W8RVD) for EchoLink and we are waiting to see if we get a free Road Runner or an agency who would allow us to use their internet service 24 hours a day to set up the EchoLink. Mary, KD8EEI has made some phone calls but to date no news.

Activities Manager: John Fick, KD8EEK

50/50 winner was Charlie, N8KZN \$7.50. John stated that he would be having a calling tree drill on September 27th,

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

No fund – Ed absent

Old Business:

Allen, KB8JLG submitted change in By-Laws, Page 4 under Publications to add "by e-mail after issued and then to add a new sentence at end to read "A printed copy of each "Ragchewer" shall be filed at the clubhouse and a copy will be posted on our website www.k8qik.org". Jim, N8JEG made motion to accept changes as proposed, second by Jack, AE8P. Motion carried all in favor.

Allen, KB8JLG reported that on Aug 2nd the Hamfest at Aladdin Temple in Columbus was one of the best in several years. \$5.00 to get in would give you a free space outside or if you wanted table space inside it was free.

Allen, KB8JLG reported that there will be a Hamfest in Cambridge on August 24th and this is the first Hamfest in many years so probably a good one to attend if looking for some ham related items.

New Business:

Allen, KB8JLG reported there will be a Swap Meet on October 4th at the Clubhouse parking lot. No entry fee and you can sell out of your car. If Mark can come up with an item to raffle off that day, we will have a raffle.

Charlie reported that the magazines have been completed for duplicates and boxes are marked with

years that are complete and if incomplete, months missing. Allen, KB8JLG volunteered to be the club Librarian. If anyone has questions regarding the magazines, please see Allen.

Mary, KD8EEI asked if the members wanted her to send the minutes with just the coversheet for the Ragchewer each month via email until a Ragchewer editor is named. Don, WD8PCF made motion that Mary has approval to send out minutes via email and Kay, KC8HJW seconded. All in favor.

Kay, KC8HJW volunteered to do a Ham & Bean dinner to raise money for treasury and it was agreed to have it on September 18th from 6 p.m. until ?? at the clubhouse. We will announce on our Monday night net and ask members to bring their family for this fundraiser.

Charlie appointed Nominating Committee: Mark, KC8TUW as chairman with Allen, KB8JLG, Don, WD8PCF and Robert, KC8PSW to develop a slate of officers for our September meeting.

Jim, N8JEG made motion to adjourn, seconded by Don, WD8PCF. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Mary Travis, KD8EE

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