

The Ragchewer

November 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 North
(Granville Pike) next to
Beavers Field. Across from
Ohio University - Lancaster

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.

VE Test:

The next VE test will be Sunday December
21st at the clubhouse on Route 37. Door opens
at 9:30 a.m. and testing begins at 10:00 a.m.
Prepare yourself, Practice with the on-line tests,
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 asellers1081@att.net

Hamfests – Details at arrl.org

Lebanon, OH -- 1-10-2009
Nelsonville, OH -- 1-18-2009
Strasburg, OH – 1-25-2009

2007-2008 Officers

President:

Charlie Snoke, N8KZN

Vice President:

Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Treasurer:

Ed Campbell Sr., WD8PGO

Secretary:

Mary Travis, KD8EEI

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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

Editor:

Allen Sellers
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November 6, 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. John, W8OF swore in new officers – Charlie Snoke, President; Mark Urbine, Vice President; Mary Travis, Secretary.

Ed Campbell Sr., Treasurer and John Fick, Activities Manager were absent and will be sworn in at the next meeting.

There were 19 members present and no guests. There were second reviews of applications for Ross Wilson, KA8CYA and Chris Strawn, KC8JIX.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes are posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes with change of Kay call letter to KC8HJW was made by John, W8AGS and seconded by Gary, W8GTS. Motion carried.

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

Mark, KC8TUV gave the club financials in Ed's absence. Motion to accept by Robert, KC8PSW and seconded by John, W8OF. Motion carried.

VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUV

Mark stated that we were denied the grants from the Gannet Foundation and the Fairfield County Foundation since we are a 501C4 and not a 501C3 since they would be unable to take a deduction for the grant.

There was discussion about changing status from 501C4 to 501C3 and Mark will make some contacts and see if the reason for the 501C4 is because of our ARRL affiliation. Mark will report his findings at the next meeting.

Mark will have a meeting place arranged for our January meeting and advice at next meeting. Charlie asked for vote of changing the meeting for January 2009 from January 1 to January 8th and everyone voted for the change.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John stated we had a repeater donated by Fairfield Medical Center and since it could not be used for ham bands, an email was sent out asking if anyone was interested in purchasing the repeater to submit a sealed bid. John has received one bid for \$55.00 from Dave,

WA8EUT. John will advise Dave he won the bid and will make arrangements for Dave to pick it up.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Robert has added the ECON study guides to the website as well as ARES and RACES. He asked members to please check the website for these changes.

Robert also stated that Bill Neill, NE1LL is willing to come to Lancaster anytime prior to December 30th to teach class for ECON.

VE Testing: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen was absent but one person was tested and passed his Technician (upgrade from Novice).

Monday Night Net: John Fick, KD8EEK

November 10	Mark, KC8TUV
November 17	John, W8AGS
November 24	Mark, KC8TUV

December 1 John, W8OF

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen published the Ragchewer in October.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

No report.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that he had been contacted by Steve Anderson, Fairfield Medical Center – Central Ohio Trauma Team who will coordinate with all hospitals in the area. Money has been granted for installing a couple of digital radios permanently and that all members of his team are required to have their Amateur Radio Licenses.

Activities Manager: John Fick, KD8EEK

Mary reported that John had contacted Jack to advise that he would not be able to continue as Activities Manager due to personal reasons. He has the arrangements made for the Christmas party on 12/13 at 7 p.m., Ponderosa on Main Street. Ed,

KD8EEJ said he would contact Universal Radio for a possible gift for door prize for party.

John also stated he would not be able to continue as Monday night Net Manager but would try to keep the Saturday Roundtable discussion net which will be held every other Saturday night which started on October 25th. The 50-50 drawing had no winner.

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

\$12.00 collected and Sandy, KD8FTX was winner of \$6.00.

Old Business:

Charlie asked for votes on new members: Chris Strawn, KC8JIX, all in favor. Ross Wilson, KA8CYA all in favor.

New Business:

Charlie asked for show of hands for members interested in having an ECON test class. No interest at the present time maybe next spring.

The following people volunteered to work the 5K Walk on 11/8 - 8 a.m. meet at covered bridge at Fairgrounds

- Paul Freshour, KD8DDD
- Ross Wilson, KA8CYA (new member tonight)
- Robert Northrup, KC8PSW
- Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Dave Harrington, W8EZE (Charlie said he usually is available, was not at meeting tonight)

November 22nd Holiday Parade volunteers - meet at 9 a.m. at covered bridge at Fairgrounds

Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Charlie Snoke, N8KZN

Connie Snoke, N8LPC

Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Dave Harrington, W8EZE (Charlie said he usually is available but not at meeting to confirm)

Paul Freshour, KD8DDD

Gary Snider, W8GTS

Sandy Snider, KD8FTX

Marie Moore KB8VOL

Robert, KC8PSW made motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary, W8GTS. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Tubes For Sale

If you need tubes for your boat anchor or TV contact Jeff Bell WD8JLI at 614-774-2973 or email

at jbell@imagearray.net he has a huge supply for most needs

E-mail Addresses

If you are currently receiving The Ragchewer via regular mail but have an Internet account, the Ragchewer can be sent to you and save the club some

money. Send me your e-mail address and tell me to take you off the snail mail list.

If you have a new email address, be sure to also let me know. Send to asellers1081@att.net

Recent News – Allen KB8JLG

I attended the Massilon, OH hamfest and sold the usual assortment of components and accessories which paid my entrance fees and meals. I stay at my son's in Canton so the trip is not a real expense charged to the hobby. It was a typical event with no major dealers and mixture of ham stuff, boat anchors and rusty, dusty junk. There were about 100 tables. I did see a Kenwood TS-140S for \$300 and at the auction saw a nice Kenwood TS-440 go for \$220, a nice Kenwood Mic for \$70, a nice small CLC, 100 watt, MFJ Antenna Tuner for \$20 and an ICOM IC-735 for \$95. The Icom was OK on transmit but the owner stated "no joy on receive". The only

people I met were Russ Ellis N8MWK and his XYL.

On November 15, 2008 Mary KD8EEI, Jack AE8P and I went to the Ft. Wayne hamfest, three and a half-hours each way. It costs \$4 to park and the entrance fee is \$6. I did not run out of conversational topics so I plan on bending their ears some more next year. It took me almost four hours to see everything once. There were some major vendors there... MFJ, Ten-Tec, Tennydyne and others. I estimate there were 350 tables and vendor displays. Everything was inside a Coliseum Expo Center. I bought a like-new MFJ Regenerative receiver and a decent Knightkit T-50 two-tube transmitter (circa 1955). I also bought 100 feet of 3/16" black Dacron™ rope from the cheapest of three vendors for \$14... no tax. I had a nice visit with the representative from Tennydyne (www.tennydyne.com) about their folded, terminated dipole. He claims (and had a report) that it is cheaper, has a more consistent SWR and a better resistor element than its competitor. The only person I met, that I knew, was Greg W8NGA, he had car-pooled also. Jack sez that this is second to Dayton and I agree that it is better than the other events I attend.

There are nice pictures on the Lancaster Eagle-Gazette's website that were taken at a Thursday fun-night event. John W8OF may also be able to provide them for you.

World Radio magazine has been acquired by CQ Communications and their plan is to make it available to subscribers on-line. No other magazine, so acquired, has survived in my experience.

When I was at the Lancaster Tractor Supply Center to buy Frontline™ tick and flea treatment, I bought a 12 volt, 6 amp-hour Gel-Cel battery for \$14 for my UPS. They have several sizes in their electric fence department.

One of my long-time methods of storing coaxial cable is to place the coiled cable in a large (12") pizza box. This holds 50 feet of RG-8X and RG-58/59 easily and is easy to stack on a shelf. 30 to 40 foot lengths of RG-8 will fit if you ty-wrap the loops to prevent the box from "bulging". A 12" diameter does not excessively stress the dielectric and center conductor arrangement.

The antenna party crew was back at work last month and finished the grounding wire connections. Ed KD8EEJ supplied the copper wire and the helpers were John W8OF, John W8AGS, Griff KG4IDG, Dave W8EZE, Dave KD8AOL, Allen KB8JLG, Jeff WD8JLI, Ross KA8CAY and Mike W0MNE. In three hours we had it done. Mike, Jeff, Ed and Allen adjourned to Roots Restaurant for lunch.

I want to acknowledge John KD8EEK's contributions as the Activities Manager. I am sure everyone joins me in saying "well done" and thank you.

I was recently reminded that I never had an operating ham station at my home... always operated from the club station in the basement of city hall. I operated enough that I passed 20 WPM for the extra exam and want to announce that I will meet at the clubhouse to help anyone else learn how to operate on-the-air. CW, SSB or PSK-31. I am no longer proficient with CW and would like some practice with PSK-31
