

The Ragchewer

October 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 October 19th
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

Massillon ARC – 10-26-2008

Grant ARC – 11-8-2008

2007-2008 Officers

President:

Charlie Snoke, N8KZN

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Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Treasurer:

Ed Campbell Sr., WD8PGO

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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

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October 2, 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 and one guest, KC8JIX, Chris Strawn. There were two new applications to review (Ross Wilson, KA8CYA and Chris Strawn, KC8JIX).

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes are posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes was made by Ray, W8FLX and seconded by Kay, KC8JLW. Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the club financials. Motion to accept by John, W8AGS and seconded by Kay, KC8JLW. Motion carried.

VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Mark stated that the Swap Meet information was in the Town Crier. He also said he had received no word on the no show for the Sept. 21st for Best Buy.

Mark stated that we have been denied the grants from the Gannet Foundation and the Fairfield County Foundation.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Nothing to report.

VE Testing: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

No report but Charlie reminded everyone of the Swap Meet on Saturday, October 4th.

Monday Night Net: John Fick, KD8EEK

October 6	Mark, KC8TUW
October 13	John, W8AGS
October 20	Mark, KC8TUW
October 27	Charlie, N8KZN
November 3	John, W8OF

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen hopes to be ready for next month to publish the Ragchewer. Allen here: This is my first attempt. Thanks for the help Jack AE8P and Mary KD8EEI.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed reported we will need volunteers for 11/8 5K run and 11/22 Holiday Parade. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please let Ed know.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that 6 antennas have been installed or updated thanks to volunteer antenna work day on September 22nd. Next step is to set up the radios in each room. John has requested that no changes in the radio setup or antennas be made without getting his approval.

Activities Manager: John Fick, KD8EEK

Christmas party will be 12/13 at 7 p.m, Ponderosa on Main Street.

John also reported he will be starting a Saturday Roundtable discussion net beginning with October 25 at 10:30 p.m. and it will be held every other Saturday night thereafter.

50-50 winner was Ed, KB8BG and not present so total is \$16.00

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

\$17.00 collected and John, W8AGS was winner of \$8.50. John donated to general fund.

Old Business:

Kay, KC8JLW presented \$184.50 from the Ham & Bean supper and everyone thanked Kay for all the work.

John, KD8EEK reported the calling tree drill went pretty smooth and John believes it will take about 1 hr from notification to have everyone to the destination required if we are called to assist with any

communication needs. John will have another drill in possibly March 2009.

New Business:

Charlie, N8KZN reported Norm Stout had some radio equipment he was donating to the club.

Charlie, N8KZN also reported there will be no food on radio night, October 11th since fair week.

Ray, W8FLX asked the club members if they would be in favor of having a different meeting place where there would be enough room to have a speaker or demonstration, etc. Ray also felt if we had our meetings at a different location (possibly library or school, etc. where there is no fee for meeting). We could try to recruit more members and get some

younger hams or more of the local hams and possibly find some new recruits to help out with club activities.

After much discussion, it was agreed that Mark, KC8TUW will locate a meeting place and if successful we will start with January 2009 with this new idea. This could also help with handicapped people who would like to attend our meetings. Charlie will check to see if Sheriff Phalen would be available for our January meeting and Mark will get a speaker for our February meeting.

Gary, W8GTS made motion to adjourn, seconded by John, W8AGS. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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: The Scioto Valley ARC had an open house/swap meet on 9-20-2008 and Dave WD8AOL, Ed WB8JBG and Allen KB8JLG attended. Three people were selling from their cars and one person inside. I enjoyed the tour of their facility, which they own, and was really impressed with their antennas and location. They have about 40 members and are very active in contests and special events. I sold enough of my usual parts to pay my trip expenses and bought a nice Kenwood TS-140S. I'll go again next year because I enjoyed meeting the members and talking ham radio.

-Allen KB8JLG: The antenna party was set back a week to 9-22-2008 due to the area power outage (four days at my house) and the following members worked from 9:30AM till 3:30PM with a break for lunch. Dave WD8AOL, Charlie N8KZN, Ed KD8EEJ, John W8OF, Mark KC8TUW and Allen KB8JLG. Dave WD8AOL terminated all the outside coax connections. He has a nice tool to strip the coax so it was ready for immediate installation and soldering. Allen KB8JLG bored all the holes through the walls and routed the cables inside the clubhouse. Charlie N8KZN and Ed KD8EEJ brought their climbing belts and did all the climbing. Mark KC8TUW, Ed, John W8OF did most of the assembly work. The next Thursday fun night, John and Dave completed the inside coax connector terminations.

Allen KB8JLG: The swapmeet at the clubhouse on 10-4-2008 went well although a lot of previous attendees were missing. There were about 16 vehicles in the selling area and maybe a dozen addition visitors. The counties represented were Fairfield, Athens, Vinton, Jackson, Pickaway, Franklin and Hocking. I didn't see any QRP rigs but again there was a good mix of items... I bought a clawhammer from Frosty and he sold a nice

bench grinder. He also sold a really nice WWII receiver (BC-348?) and two 1950's HP audio oscillators... Rich Post from Athens County got these. A lot of nice equipment exchanged hands and I mean a lot. Fred KD8FTY and his friend had some new-in-box equipment; an ICOM speaker, Kenwood Mic, 33 ft push-up vertical with tripod mount and several other items. Ralph W8BVH sold Earl AA8T's HW-101 to a high schooler from Vinton County. Denny AA8LY had a Speed-X straight key, a Carolina Beam antenna and several desk Mics. Special thanks to Connie N8LPC for helping with donuts, coffee and the 50-50 drawing, which Mark KC8TUW won. After expenses for coffee and donuts, the club earned \$30.22.

Up-coming Hamfests

The Massillon hamfest is a nice one; inside, heated and well lit. There are more than a hundred tables for vendors and if you want one, make reservations ahead as they sell out before the day of the hamfest... yes even at \$12 a table, they sell out. They also have an "old-time" auction where they will sell things for you at a small commission. The prices realized are extremely low!!! So if you want to realize a minimum price – be there and win the bid yourself. At the sales table, explain you are the owner and bought it because the price wasn't high enough and they will forgive the commission and give back your equipment. Due to auction laws in Ohio, you must be present when your equipment is being sold. Like any auction, the items are a one-time deal. A couple of years ago I passed on four, well made HB one-tube, crystal HF transmitters and another year, three or four well-made HB HF antenna tuning units because I didn't want to spend more than \$15 each...I haven't seen any since, maybe this year I'll get another chance.

The Grant hamfest is in Brown County, quite a long way. But the entry cost is \$2 each and the tables are free to vendors... you must reserve them ahead. Last year it was so crowded that you had to wait for people to move in the aisles so that you could move. It is in a school gym, heated and well lit. Parking can be a problem if you get there late to unload stuff. They have a charity auction that I missed last year but I want to see.

In both of these cases, the distance make attendance expensive but if you can share a ride with a group, it turns into a nice social event.