

The Ragchewer

August 2009

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

On the Web: www.k8qik.org
Send email to webmaster@k8QIK.org

Club Meetings :

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

VE Testing:

As announced on the ARRL
website. 8-16-09. Typically
the third Sunday of every
even numbered month. Pre-
register recommended.
Testing at 10:00 am

Club House

Location:

On State Route 37 (Granville
Pike) next to Beavers Field.
Across from Ohio University
Lancaster campus.

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.

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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 16,
2009 at the K8QIK Clubhouse. Pre-registration
is suggested and testing begins at 10:00 a.m.

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 or the Webmaster
listed in header.

Upcoming Hamfests

8-23-09 Cambridge

9-12-09 Findlay

2008 - 2009 Officers

President:

Charlie Snoke, N8KZN

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Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Treasurer:

Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Secretary:

Mary Travis, KD8EEI

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John Hilliard, W8OF

Station Engineer:

John Hilliard, W8OF

Net Manager:

John Fick, KD8EEK

Activities Manager:

Connie Snoke, N8LPC

Sandy Snider, KD8FTX

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August 6 2009 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, Lucy Hurlburt.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the July meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept was made by Ralph, W8BVH and seconded by Robert, KC8PSW with the addition of "Jon Kochis, Director, Fairfield County EMA also attended and was given a tour of the different stations the club was using to make contacts." Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Allen, KB8JLG and seconded by Ralph, W8BVH. Motion carried.

VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUV

Mark absent. Mary, KD8EEI reported on information Mark had supplied on Field Day and the information was passed to members for their review. Our cumulative points were 1,888 and would have had more but some information was lost with computers that were used to tally the information.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John absent – No report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

The website is up to date. Robert stated the Go Daddy account would expire in December of this year for the hosting (\$119.76) and domain registration (\$39.72) for a total of \$159.48. There was discussion and Allen, KB8JLG made a motion to authorize Robert to renew both the hosting and domain registration via debit to our account. Don, W88PCF seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

VE Testing: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Next test will be August 16th and after that Allen reported that he was going to switch to Saturday to see if we get more people.

Monday Night Net: John Fick, KD8EEK

Aug 10th	John, W8OF
Aug 10th	John, W8AGS
Aug 10th	John, KD8EEI
Aug 31st	Mark, KC8TUV

There was a discussion about running the Newline and Jack, AE8P made motion to run the newline at 8 p.m. on Monday night and start the net at 9 p.m., seconded by Steve, KD8JLA. Charlie asked for a show of hands and all were in favor.

The Saturday night net at 10:30 p.m. on 147.030 will be held on August 8th and August 22nd.

John, KD8EEK stated he would like to try running a Saturday net on simplex from the clubhouse and he will start in September if he gets access to the clubhouse.

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen reported that he would love to have articles from members for the newsletter.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed thanked everyone who worked the Lancaster Festival. He asked for volunteers for working the parade for Sweet Corn Festival on Sept. 2nd at 4 p.m. Gary & Sandy Snider, Larry & Candy Wright, Ed Bennett, Mark Urbine and Ed & Carolyn Campbell names were presented.

Ed reported the 5k run will be November 14th and we will need volunteers.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John mentioned that the 440 repeater was running and is connected with the southeast Ohio area. He also reported that he was heard nothing about the switch out at waterworks hill for the relocation of the repeater.

Activities Co-Managers: Connie Snoke, N8LPC and Sandy Snider, KD8FTX

Connie reminded everyone that she has the cards to sell for the Spaghetti Shop. This is a fund raising opportunity for the club and we get \$5 for each ticket

sold for \$10 (\$40 value in coupons). Please contact Spaghetti Shop.

Connie or Sandy if you can sell some tickets. Please come out and support the club on August 11th between 5 and 8 p.m.

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Ed reported \$4.00 collected and Steve, KD8JLA won and donated back to flower fund.

Old Business:

Mary, KD8EEI reported that the 501C3 application has been received by IRS and we should have a response within 90 days.

Charlie read thank you from Martha O'Hare for the flowers sent in memory of her husband, Charles O'Hare.

New Business:

John, KD8EEK reported 50-50 name drawn was Chris, KC8JIX and no winner since he was not present. The total is now at \$61.00.

Charlie stated he had been in touch with Ray, KB8GUN and he is putting the information out to the Logan club about our fundraiser on August 11th and

Allen, KB8JLG stated that he had been in touch with Mark, KC8TUW about publicity for our 50th anniversary of the Lancaster Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club. Allen has been in touch with charter members Gene Loro K7SXJ, Jerry Larabee K8MGA, Kaye Hartman K8GZ and Steve Miller KA1U for publicity.

Allen, KB8JLG reported that he will hold a swap meet on October 3rd. 8AM till 12 Noon, No entry fee and no door prizes. Will sell out of vehicles. Coffee and doughnuts will be available.

Charlie appointed Nominating Committee of Allen, KB8JLG and Ed, KD8EEJ.

Charlie reported that he has procured the fire extinguisher for the basement.

Robert, KI8JM made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary, W8GTS. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

Tubes For Sale

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

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

40M Band Change - Allen Sellers KB8JLG

The nice, colored, band-frequency chart the ARRL issued recently is no longer accurate for the 40M band. On 29MAR09 the band privileges changed and hams no longer have to operate on frequencies that are shared with Region 1 and 3 Broadcasters. These Broadcasters are assigned 7200 to 7300 Khz so there is some overlap.

Extra	7000 - 7125	CW, RTTY and Data
	7125 - 7200	CW, Phone and Image
	7200 - 7300	CW, Phone and Image-Shared with Broadcasters
Advanced	7025 - 7125	CW, RTTY and Data
	7125 - 7200	CW, Phone and Image
	7200 - 7300	CW, Phone and Image-Shared with Broadcasters
General	7025 - 7125	CW, RTTY and Data
	-----	GAP WITH NO PRIVILEGES -----
	7175 - 7200	CW, Phone and Image
	7200 - 7300	CW, Phone and Image-Shared with Broadcasters
Tech	7025 - 7125	CW only
And Novice		

As you can see, for about the third time since I became a ham, some of the Novice crystals are obsolete. (Yes I still have Novice crystals!!) This information is from the APRIL 2009 QST; Page 61.

Fall 2009 Swapmeet

We are having a swapmeet October 3, 2009; the first Saturday of the month. Again, there is no entry fee, no door prizes. There will be coffee and doughnuts for a donation.

We will attempt to clean the basement again and there are plenty of ham magazines that duplicate copies in our library. Stainless steel and galvanized wire rope will be available. Reasonable lengths (200 feet?) free to members and at a low price to others. Remember that copper sleeves can be crimped on to the Stainless for an electrical connection to looonng wire antennas. If you look at tables of suitable wire size for long unsupported lengths of copper wires - 12 gauge is the minimum and heavier is suggested... so the stainless option looks good and at our price very cheap.

Aladdin Temple Hamfest August 1, 2009 - Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Dave K8KEG and Allen KB8JLG rode together, arrived about 8:30AM, and setup on adjacent tables inside. This hamfest does not charge extra for fleamarket space or inside tables. In addition, people taking the VE exam do not have to pay an entry fee. Although I had emailed ahead to reserve a table, I did not get a reply so the tables were available on a first come basis; there were about 30 occupied tables inside with about 35 spaces in the fleamarket. More tables and spaces were available. Every one was leaving by about 11:30AM so Dave and I did not stay for all the drawings at 12 Noon although I have stayed in the past.

I got a new-in-box PROTEK 15MHz, dual-trace oscilloscope for \$70 and several smaller purchases including 18 CQ magazines for \$1. Again, I sold about \$30 worth of small items that I always have (fuses, resistors, rubber feet, knobs and meters). Dave got a Heath HE-8 and still has some MFJ "CUB" QRP rigs at decent prices and varying stages of completion.

This hamfest was larger than the last three years and this may be because it is on a Saturday and the fleamarket spaces and indoor tables are free.

Also at the hamfest were Mark KD8IMT, Dave WD8LZK, Ralph W8BVH, Ron WA8GFO, Dave WA8EUT, Dave WD8AOL, Ed WB8JBG, Greg W8NGA, John KD8EEK, Mike WOMNE, Jeff WD8JLI, John W8AGS; from Logan Gene Smith, and Jeremy and Curtiss Duncan from Perry County.

Cambridge Ohio Hamfest August 23, 2009 - Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Last years event was the first in a long time. It was very small but two clubs had multiple tables inside and I got some really, really nice stuff at very low prices... a commercial CB test set for \$10. Russ Ellis who started the Nelsonville (SCARF) hamfest is doing this one and I plan on going again. It is very easy to find.