

The Ragchewer

November 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:

Every even numbered
month. See ARRL.ORG for
date. Register and testing at
10:00 am

ClubHouse Location:

Near Lancaster on State
Route 37 North (Granville
Pike) next to Beavers Field.
Across from campus 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.

December VE Test:

The next VE test will be Saturday, 19DEC09
at the clubhouse on Route 37. Register 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 Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG or Ragchewer
Editor at ASELLERS1081@att.NET

HAMFESTS

Nelsonville OH: 17JAN10
Mansfield OH: 14FEB10
Lancaster OH: 1ST SAT MAY10
Dayton OH: 14-16MAY10

2009-2010 Officers

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George Lambert, KB8USP

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Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

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Ed Campbell Sr., WD8PGO

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Mary Travis, KD8EEI

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John Hilliard, W8OF

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Charlie Snoke, N8KZN

Editor:

Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

November 5, 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 20 members present.

Ed, WD8PGO introduced David Beaver from State Highway Patrol and his dog, Toastie from Columbus. He gave us some background o the training that he and the dog received prior to them going on searches when bomb threats had been reported. They both completed their training in May and they have been on 15 or more calls since May.

Charlie turned the meeting over to John, W8OF who swore in new officers for next year. President, George Lambert, Vice President, Mark Urbine, Treasurer, Ed Campbell Sr., Secretary, Mary Travis & Activities Directors, Connie Snoke & Sandy Snider.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the October meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept was made by John, W8OF and seconded by John, W8AGS. Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by Robert, KC8PSW and seconded by Ray, W8FLX. Motion carried.

VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Boys Scouts Jamboree-On-The-AIR (JOTA) was held on October 24 with John, K9ULO and Rob, KD8DXC along with Mark KC8TUW showed 12 boys the different stations set up for radio transmission. It was not a good day for making contacts (propagation was not good).

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John had a meeting with the Lancaster Service Director and after much discussion, the city has agreed to continue to give John access to the waterworks hill building and towers where our equipment is housed. They also gave John approval to have two additional radio people who would be given access after background checks and training by John. Michael,

WD8EBS and George, KB8USP volunteered to be John's backup for training.

John also reported that the old generator from waterworks hill that is being replaced with the new generator would be delivered to the front porch of our house on Granville Pike. John will need some help getting the generator installed at the clubhouse once we have it in our possession.

John reported that the APRS nodes have been set up for our repeaters if anyone is interested in checking this out. You can go to findu.com and enter the APRS nodes.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Robert reported that the website is up to date.

VE Testing: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Mark, KD8IMT reported in Allen's absence that four persons tested on October 17th, our first Saturday testing date, and all four passed Technician with one also passing the General.

Mark also reported he and Allen have six people in the new class for Technician and will be giving the test at the end of the classes.

Monday Night Net

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| November 9th | W8OF | John Hilliard |
| November 16th | W8AGS | John Lawson |
| November 23rd | KD8DXC | Rob Ruffner |
| November 30th | N8KZN | Charlie Snoke |

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

- No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed reported we will need volunteers for the Nov 14th 5K Walk and Nov 21st Holiday Parade. Mark, KC8TUW, George, KB8USP, Charlie, N8KZN and Connie, N8LPC volunteered for November 14th.

The following people volunteered for November 21st: Mark, KC8TUW; George, KB8USP; Charlie, N8KZN; Connie, N8LPC; Mary, KD8EEI; Gary, W8GTS; Sandy, KD8FTX; Candy ?, KC8NQG; and Charlie will call Tom, KB8USK & Marie, KB8VOL to see if they will assist.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

Information given under Trustee report.

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

Connie reminded everyone of Christmas Party on December 12th at Pizza Cottage, Fair Avenue at 6:30 p.m. Connie & Sandy have been working on door prizes.

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Ed absent – no fund.

New Business:

Charlie, N8KZN reported there will be a fish fry on November 12th at 6 p.m. Mary will send out email to ask people to respond if they are going to attend.

Mary read an email from Ray, W8FLX on getting radio books in the local libraries. Mary, KD8EEI made a motion that a committee be set up to determine what books should be in the library and then report back to the membership. Seconded by Michael, WD8EBS. Motion carried. Charlie, N8KZN and Mark, KC8TUW agreed to serve on committee with Ray, W8FLX. Mark, KC8TUW reported that he had

given the library a list of books to purchase and was surprised that they did not have them in the library. Mark will check on this and report to the committee his findings.

Mark, KC8TUW reported that he had interest from high school and career tech students wanting to learn more about ham radio. After discussion, the following people volunteered to serve on a committee: Jack, AE8P; David, WD8LZK; Michael, WD8EBS; George, KB8USP; Larry, KB8AHK; Mark, KD8IMT and Jay, KD8HVW. Mark will set up a meeting with the volunteers to discuss setting up a program at the high school and career center for interested students.

Gary, W8GTS requested the secretary send a thank you letter to David Beaver for giving us the interesting demonstration.

Jack, AE8P made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Robert, KC8PSW. Motion carried and we adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

The Editor, Allen KB8JLG, had to reset a different computer to do the Ragchewer since the old one ‘went south’. I lost some files, including the template for the Ragchewer front page—if you see items that need correction, please let me know-- Thank you. After the November meeting, the club learned that our application for 501C3 tax status has been approved.

Massilon Hamfest Report – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

This is about the fifth one I’ve attended and I especially enjoy the ‘old-time auction’. Out of approximately 100 tables, there were only 4 empty ones in the indoor fleamarket. They charge \$12 a table, but you can’t argue they are too expensive as they almost always sell out. The parking lot had about 200 cars in it. The range of stuff available was pretty wide but only a few nice used rigs. I didn’t take anything to sell and bought a baggy of RG58-to-UHF connector adaptors (\$1) and a 1960’s crystal checker (\$2). One tube vendor is almost always there with his ‘BIG’ TV-style tube selection.

I had to quickly finish my trip around the fleamarket to go to the auction; which started half an hour early and lasted three hours. I spent more than I expected (or wished). The auction is always a crapshoot- some years a lot of good stuff; some years all junk. This year, some ‘classic’ boat anchors and a mix of used rigs: Hallicrafters receivers SB20 (\$30), SB38 (\$10); Regency tube general coverage receiver (\$11); Swan #270 HF rig (\$50), Swan #1200X 1200 watt Linear Amp (\$50); Icom #735 HF rig (\$130); Motorola MAXTRAC 6M-FM, with software (\$10); Garmin pocket GPS (\$60); 2M mobile 25/50 watt rigs – Kenwood 2530 (\$40), two more Kenwoods’s at \$30 and \$40; 2M handheld rigs – Kenwood (\$10), Icom W2A (\$14). The owners were present for all of these and stated their condition- several of the guys were cleaning their shack and just wanted to be rid of the stuff.

Other interesting items were - a Kantronics WINLINK packet controller with software (\$20); Heath HD10 keyer (\$15); J38 key (\$15); four clean Lo-Pass filters (\$5 ea); an HB crystal checker (\$2); a shoebox of #1625 and ‘magic-eye’ tubes (\$17); shoebox octal rectifiers, 5R4 etc. (\$2); 30 ft coil #6 AWG (\$6); 1000 ft coil

(box) 4c/#28 telco cable (\$10); coils of used coax – 50 ohm (RG-8, RG-58) and 75/100 ohm (RG-6 and RG-59).

If someone wants to get started in the hobby, this is a good place to look for really inexpensive equipment if you have help in determining what you are seeing. The auction is better than any other source I know for low prices. If you have stuff to sell- it is also good; you can bid on your own stuff to get the price up to where you want it. If you end up buying your own items because it didn't bring enough money, you do NOT owe them a commission.