

# The Ragchewer

April 2010

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

On the Web: [www.k8qik.org](http://www.k8qik.org)

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## **Club Meetings :**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month  
at 7:30 pm at the clubhouse.

## **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.

## **April 2010 VE Test:**

The next VE test will be at the Athens  
Hamfest 25APR10. Tests are tentatively for the  
third Saturday at the clubhouse on Route 37.  
The exact date will be listed on the ARRL  
website. 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](mailto:Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG) or Ragchewer  
Editor at [ASELLERS1081@att.NET](mailto:ASELLERS1081@att.NET)

## **HAMFESTS**

Athens OH: 25APR10  
Lancaster OH: 01MAY10 Swapmeet  
Dayton OH: 14 - 16 MAY10

## **2009-2010 Officers**

### **President:**

George Lambert, KB8USP

### **Vice President:**

Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

### **Treasurer:**

Ed Campbell Sr., WD8PGO

### **Secretary:**

Mary Travis, KD8EEI

### **Trustee:**

John Hilliard, W8OF

### **Station Engineer:**

John Hilliard, W8OF

### **Education:**

Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

### **Activities Manager:**

Sandy Snider, KD8FTX  
Connie Snoke, N8LPC

### **Public Relations:**

Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

### **Flower Fund:**

Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

### **Web Master:**

Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

### **Editor:**

Allen Sellers, KB8JLG  
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# April 1, 2010 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m. the monthly meeting was called to order by President George Lambert, KB8USP who lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 19 members present.

Application from Jay Cantieri, KD8HVW was passed around for 2nd reading. George asked for a vote in favor of Jay Cantieri as a new member. All were in favor.

## Officer Reports

### **Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI**

Minutes for the March meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Mary stated that John Dolske wife's name was Carol and the change needs to be included in the motion. Motion to accept with change to Carol 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 for March. Motion to accept by John, W8OF and seconded by John, W8AGS. Motion carried.

### **VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUV**

Mark was unable to attend but sent a report detailing the outline for Field Day – June 26 & 27. Flyers will be put out the 1st week in June. He needs a picture of the entrance sign for Kern-Keller Park, needs anyone going to Dayton Hamvention to pick up posters at ARRL area, will need help in getting posters distributed and he will schedule a public service announcement with WFCO.

Jack, AE8P said he has taken pictures of the sign and will send them to Mark.

### **Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF**

John reported about email request from FCC to tell his side of story on shutting off EchoLink last month. John responded with a detailed email of the event and he has received a response that the case is being closed. John asked for a written letter stating case is closed and to date has not received the letter. Anyone wishing to read the details can contact John.

John also reported that the new antenna purchased by FMC has been installed. John also has EchoLink set up for access to and from the United States only.

Repeater work needed on waterworks hill for coax lines to be moved to new bldg is on hold until John is advised that the bldg is ready for our equipment.

## Committee Reports

### **Webmaster: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW**

George reported that Robert is going to be sending a disk to Carol Dolske so she can get the website set up. Mary, KD8EEI will send an email to all members advising of Carol's email address once she has the website set up and is ready to make changes.

### **Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG**

Allen absent – no report

### **Monday Night Net**

April 5th	W8OF, John Hilliard
April 12th	W8AGS, John Lawson
April 19th	KD8DXC, Rob Ruffner
April 26th	W8AGS, John Lawson
May 3rd	K9ULO, John Dolske

### **Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG**

No report.

### **Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO**

Ed reported that he only received 4 applications for the ARES group. Anyone who is interested should complete the application and turn in to Ed. Once Ed knows how many people there will be, he can set up some training, etc.

Ed also reported we need volunteers for the MS Walk on April 17th at the Fairgrounds. Volunteers so far were Charlie & Connie Snoke, Gary & Sandy Snider, George Lambert and Steve Anderson if he does not have another event that day. Possibly Mark Urbine, Marie Moore and Statz Croucher who will be contacted to see if they can volunteer.

Ed reported ARRL and the Red Cross have come to an agreement on information that is needed for background check of volunteers. Anyone wishing the details can go to the ARRL website or contact Ed.

### **Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO**

No report

**Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF**

Nothing new to report.

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

Nothing new – Fat Cat’s has been reserved for the Christmas Party.

**Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ**

Ed reported \$9.00 collected and Jack, AE8P won \$4.50.

Ed also reported \$10.00 collected and no winner for the 50/50 - total is currently \$124.00.

**Old Business:**

Mary reported that the preliminary application was turned in to Fairfield Foundation requesting a grant of \$5,577.99 and we have not heard from them yet.

**New Business:**

Motion made by John, W8OF to pay insurance bill and set up a committee to look into reducing cost for next year. Seconded by John, W8AGS. All in favor.

Ray, W8FLX was contacted on the 147.03 repeater and he had a suggestion for the club to consider paying \$50.00 to join the Main Street Lancaster and if we are one of the first 50 members, there will be a commemorative brick installed on the Square with our name on it. There was discussion and no decision was made since our treasury is low and we want to have ideas for fund raisers. Ray’s idea was tabled until the next meeting because the members felt we need more information before a decision could be made.

John, KD8EEK asked for permission to put a 2 meter radio in the upstairs old timers room and it was decided he would move the 2 meter radio from the first floor up to the old timers room for his use in monitoring a net.

Scott, WD8IXO made a motion to allow Charlie, N8KZN to purchase a new basement window, seconded by Steve, KD8JLA. All in favor. Charlie will purchase and install the window.

George, KB8USP passed out a recap of expenses for years 2002 up to and including 2009. George has concerns that we had four of the last five years that we had a negative cash flow. There was discussion and it

was agreed that maybe we need to have a budget and when someone proposes purchasing an item, if it has not been budgeted for that year, we ask that it be put in next year’s budget if possible. This would be one way to keep expenses down until we can build up additional funds.

John, KD8EEK mentioned that a couple of clubs in Columbus have programs with Kroger & Meijer where the club gets a percentage of items purchased since we are now a 501C3 club. Mary, KD8EEI will check into this and report back at the next meeting.

Mark, KD8IMT reported that he would contact Dan Smith within the next month to see if there is any interest in starting a school radio club. Mark asked what the membership fee would be for the students. Ed reported that under 18 is \$15.00 and family membership is \$25.00 and anyone 65 and over would be \$12.

Jack, AE8P made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike, W0MNE. Motion carried and we adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

### Jackson Hamfest 2010 – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I went to the Jackson hamfest on Saturday 10APR10 and had a nice time. I was able to pass the word informally about our 1MAY10 swapmeet. It was a nice social event ( I met 15 to 20 acquaintances from Ross, Athens, Vinton and Hocking counties) even though it was smaller than last year, one vendor from Illinois and one ham with 6 tables of nice used equipment. The outdoor trunk sale area only had about 10 to 12 people selling things. The trip from Lancaster down Rte 159 and Rte 35 took about 90 minutes but I saw three gas stations selling gas for \$0.10 less than Lancaster. On the way home I stopped and filled up at one of them. Other folks that went down Rte 93 only took about 60 minutes each way. Among the Lancaster people I saw were Ed WB8JBG, Jerry K8MGA, Dave WD8AOL, Dave WA8EUT, Ron WA8GFO and Ralph W8BVH. Dave WA8EUT, Ron and Ralph had some nice equipment for sale and may still have some left. Ed had a display of nice, used equipment in the outside area.

### Mansfield Hamfest – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I probably won't go again as I didn't see anything I needed except a small sample of 2% Silver Solder that I wanted to try. I have read that it is superior to Lead/Tin traditional material; Roy Ulko from Circleville told me it is good but hard to remove if you make a mistake. Two reasons for not going again is the weather was bad again and they had "oversold" entry tickets so that it was difficult to find a parking space, in fact almost impossible if you arrive after 9AM.

### Extra License Study Class Report – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

We are in the sixth week and have been set back one week due to extra time required to learn some of the "scieriffic" calculator functions (Engineering mode, Coordinate conversion functions, etc.). One person has missed several classes due to a hospital stay and another has dropped out because he has moved. I have learned that reading and discussing the question pool is a good way to conduct the class. The several internet practice exams are really good as study aides and serve to help measure a students progress. We found several calculators at local "big-box" stores that will do all required math functions for less than \$15.

### April 2010 Lancaster VE exam – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Due to personal activities, the only April VE exam is going to be at the Athens hamfest 25APR10. Be sure to inform me if you are interested because we will not accept walk-ins (if you pre-register, you are not obligated to attend). We did give the General exam to a Newark ham at the club house this month. He requested it so he could go on vacation with his new license and radio.

### Local ham equipment for sale – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Earl AA8AT has a complete station for sale as a package. I estimate that a reasonable price for a ham looking to buy an operating station (not for resale) is about \$2000. I know of other "estate" equipment that hasn't been used for 10 years. There is a "tri-band" beam (it has to be lowered and removed) and a Yaesu FT-980 that was \$2000 when new and covers the WARC bands. At this time these item's condition is unknown.