

The Ragchewer

February 2010

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 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 scheduled later.
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 or Ragchewer
Editor at ASELLERS1081@att.NET

HAMFESTS

Lancaster OH: 03MAY10
Dayton OH: 14 - 16 MAY10

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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John Hilliard, W8OF

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Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

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Sandy Snider, KD8FTX
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Flower Fund:

Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Web Master:

Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Editor:

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February 4, 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.

There was one new application from John Biter, KD8MZD which was passed around for 1st reading.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the December meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept was made by Ray, W8FLX and seconded by John, K9ULO, with changes as sent by Mark, KC8TUW via email. Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report for January. Motion to accept by Ralph, W8BVH and seconded by Ray, W8FLX. Motion carried. Ed gave the February treasurer's report. Motion made to accept made by Ralph, W8BVH and seconded by Ray, W8FLX. Motion carried

VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

George read a report which was submitted by Mark regarding the book committee. Ray, W8FLX stated that due to the lack of club funds, he was withdrawing his request for club to purchase some books for library. It was also suggested that maybe we try to purchase one book at a time and then it would not be a hardship on our club funds. Mary, KD8EEI mentioned that we could consider the books as part of a possible grant.

Mark is unable to be Chairperson for Field Day this year due to a personal commitment and John K9ULO will be Chairperson with Steve, KD8JLA as Co-Chair.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported the access to waterworks hill is working out. He also stated that the county has not received their new building which will house their equipment and the old one would be given to the club for us to house our radio equipment. John also stated that the EMA may request funds for a building to be built for the club if the county building doesn't take place.

John reported that the generator which was given to the club by the county was delivered to our front porch. It is ready for the committee to perform maintenance and install.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Mary, KD8EEI passed on information sent via email from Robert that the website is backup and working. The files have been uploaded and it is working properly.

George reported on the problem with Dream Weaver software and that he is taking care of the cost. He is working with PayPal and ebay to get his money back.

John, K9ULO reported that he would ask his wife since she has this software on her computer if she would be interested in doing our website for us. He will report back to us at next meeting.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

VE test held on December 19th resulted in 2 technicians and 1 general passing. Allen reported that the last five school students who have taken the technician exam have failed.

The next VE test will be at the clubhouse on Saturday February 13th rather than the 3rd Saturday.

March 9th at 7 p.m. he will start the Extra class and it will run for 10 weeks and the 11th week will be testing of the students.

Monday Night Net

Feb. 8	W8OF, John Hilliard
Feb. 15th	W8AGS, John Lawson
Feb 22nd	N8KZN, Charlie Snoke
Mar. 1st	KD8DXC, Rob Ruffnet

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Nothing new to report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO Ed reported that he is working on the front door access with the contractor and manufacturer trying to figure out what the problem is.

March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Center will be the Weather Spotter class.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that he, Steve, KD8JLA; George, KB8USP; and Mike, WD8EBS spent a day at FMC moving equipment and installing on benches that Steve had requested to house the radio equipment utilized at FMC.

John also reported that he received a call from CORC W8RXX that they had a UHF/VHF repeater that they would donate if someone would want to remove it on a Saturday from the State Office Tower. It was brand new in 1989 purchased for the Columbus Police Department to use as their main repeater and they used it for about 2 years and then went on 800 mhz and it has just been sitting unused since then. It is in like new condition. On January 9, 2010 George KB8USP, John W8OF, Ralph W8BVH, Dave WA8EUT and my son John with his pick-up went up to the 42 nd floor 680' above the ground level and removed a repeater from within a radio communications building at the State Office Tower.

Thanks to Steve KD8JLA in his efforts the FMC has purchased a Yaesu VXR-7000 two-meter repeater, filter cavities and a CAT-300 controller. This repeater will replace the current 146.70Mhz repeater and will be used for ARES operations.

Steve, KD8JLA made a motion to reimburse \$22 to George, KB8USP for a parking ticket he received while picking up equipment in Columbus; give \$20 to John Hilliard Jr. for gas for two trips to Columbus and up to \$150 to John, W8OF for crystals and materials needed to get the repeaters up and running. Ed, KD8EEJ seconded. All in favor

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

Sandy reported that they are working on a place for the Christmas Party this year. George asked everyone to give a big applause to Sandy & Connie on the excellent job for the 2009 party.

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Ed reported \$12.00 collected and John, W8OF won \$6.00.

Ed also reported no winner for the 50/50/

Old Business:

John, K9ULO gave the audit committee report that for the period November 2007 through October 2009 and the report presented an accurate accounting of club funds. John, and Ray, W8FLX did make a couple of recommendations for the future such as making sure everyone provides a receipt when an expense has been paid. Also, we should prepare a budget for annual operating costs.

George asked the Generator Committee to set a date to meet at the clubhouse to work on getting the generator up and running. Ed, KD8EEJ; John, K9ULO; Allen, KB8JLG and George, KB8USP. will meet Feb 18th at 7 p.m.

Mary reported in Connie's absence that Connie has talked to Business Pro and there will be a report that needs to be done for 2009, but since we did not receive our 501C3 status until late in the year, it will probably be easy. Business Pro is willing to work with us on reports that are required.

Ed, WD8PGO stated he had completed one form already on the computer but we will see if that is all that is required.

New Business:

George reported that he and Mark, KC8TUW are going to work on a golf outing sometime later this year.

John, K9ULO reported that Field Day will be June 26th & 27th this year. They are looking at Alley Park as a possible location. They have already ruled out Rising Park due to too many trees, etc. which would block antenna coverage.

John, K9ULO also reported that Jamboree on the Air for the scouts (International World Scouting Organization) will be October 16 & 17 this year.

George asked members to be thinking about whether we want to have a float in the July 4th and Christmas parades this year. We will need volunteers to work on the float as well as other volunteers to do radio communications on the parade route.

Gary, W8GTS made motion to adjourn. Seconded by John, K9ULO. Motion carried and we adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

Battery Disposal – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I recently had some cell phone batteries to throw away. Because they are Lithium Ion types, I went on the internet and found the site EHSO.COM At the 43130 ZIP link I found following locations that accept toxic batteries –

Walmart - Bestbuy - Target - Sears
Lowes - Radio Shack - Kmart

I guess that government-run, public recycling centers and private recycling companies can not make money on this; so they don't offer this service. By law, companies that sell battery operated equipment must accept limited numbers of batteries for recycling.

VE Test 13FEB10 – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Two candidates took the Technician test and passed, one of them was a Novice class ham. Since they were entitled to take the General test at no extra cost, they did but failed to pass. Thanks to all who showed up to help.

Mansfield Hamfest 14FEB10 – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Dave W8EZE and I rode together and arrived shortly after 9AM. It was extremely difficult to find a parking space. We also met John W8AGS and Mike WD8EBS and saw Fred WA8PGE. There were three buildings again and Dave and I were done by 12Noon. There were only a few commercial vendors, but I bought a sample of 2 % silver solder to try. There was a man from Akron trying to sell a \$200 GAP "Hear-It" audio DSF for less than \$100. Since I wasn't interested I did not ask for his best price but I do have his name and email if anyone is interested. He is selling it because his new rig has this feature built-in.