

# The Ragchewer

July 2010

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

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

## **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.

## **August 2010 VE Test:**

The next VE test will be in August 28, 2010. Tests are tentatively for the third Saturday of even months 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**

Aladdin; Columbus OH:	8-7-2010
Huntington WV	8-14-2010
Cambridge OH:	8-22-2010
Findlay OH:	9-12-2010

## **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 Snoko, N8LPC

### **Public Relations:**

Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

### **Flower Fund:**

Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

### **Web Master:**

John(K9ULO)/Carol Dolske  
[Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG](mailto:Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG)

### **Editor:**

Allen Sellers, KB8JLG  
[Asellers1081@att.net](mailto:Asellers1081@att.net)

# July 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.

July 26<sup>th</sup> K9ULO, John Dolske  
Aug. 2nd W8OF, John Hilliard

There were 23 members present.

## Officer Reports

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

Minutes for the June meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes as published 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 John, W8OF and seconded by John, W8AGS. Motion carried.

### **VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUW**

No report. Mary, KD8EEI reported that Mark had asked Jack, AE8P to take some pictures of Field Day and submit pictures with article to Towne Crier for inclusion in their July 15<sup>th</sup> edition. Jack has sent the article and copied Mark, John Dolske and Steve Anderson.

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

Nothing new to report.

## Committee Reports

### **Webmaster: Carol Dolske**

John, K9ULO reported that his wife is probably a week or more away from having the new website ready. It will have a different look than previously.

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

Allen reported they had no one show up for the June testing session. Allen feels we will probably not get any big groups for testing since the COLVETS Laurel Group is doing tests and not charging a fee. There was some discussion and it was agreed if scheduling permits Allen will schedule in off weeks from the COLVETS Group.

Allen will schedule a test session for August.

Allen also reported that he had talked with George and they would like to do a Technician class again in the fall. Allen would like volunteers to teach some of the sections. Anyone wishing to help teach a class in the fall, please contact Allen.

### **Monday Night Net**

July 5th	W8AGS, John Lawson
July 12th	KD8DXC, Rob Ruffner
July 19th	W8OF, John Hilliard

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

Nothing new to report.

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

Ed, WD8PGO said we have a few people signed up to provide communications for the Tour de Cause bicycle event starting at OUL at 7 a.m. on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Ed needs more workers, anyone wishing to help, please contact Ed.

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

No report

### **Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF**

John reported that the crystal on order for the UHF repeater was received but was the wrong frequency so he had to send back. As soon as the new one arrives, he will make arrangements with the person he has lined up for climbing the tower. They will install the antenna for link in order to put the 146.70 repeater at Waterworks hill.

John also reported that thanks to Steve, KD8JLA we will have an Echo Link set up as well as a weather radio in the cabinet that is going to be installed in the building on Waterworks hill as a backup to the 146.70 at Fairfield Medical Center.

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

Connie asked what the members wanted to do about door prizes for the Christmas party this year. Don, WD8PCF made a motion to give Connie & Sandy \$150 for purchase of door prizes, seconded by Rob, KD8DXC. All were in favor.

### **Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ**

There were no collections for Flower Funds or 50/50.

### **Old Business:**

Three new applications were passed around for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: David Nowocin, WB9PXH; Bernard Charles Sonnenberg, associate member and William Newell, W8LIL.

Motion was made by John, W8OF to accept David and William as members and Bernard as an associate member. Seconded by Mike, WD8EBS. All were in favor.

John, K9ULO reported that Field Day held at Keller-Kirn Park was a good event and if anyone has suggestions for making it better for next year, please contact John.

One item discussed was that the club needs to get some portable antennas which can be used for Field Day and

other events which might be needed for emergencies. John, W8OF stated there are two portable antennas in our Fairfield Foundation Grant request. To date we have not received an answer regarding the Grant.

George, KB8USP said we will have 3 vehicles in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. They will be driven by John K9ULO, Dave, WD8AOL and Robert, KC8PSW.

Ed, WD8PGO reported that we received the two \$150 grants awarded to Mary, KD8EEI and Charlie, N8KZN and Mary will send a picture with an article for inclusion in the Towne Crier and Lancaster Eagle Gazette.

### **New Business:**

John, K9ULO announced the Boys Scouts Jamboree on the Air will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Rob, KD8DXC said he has received permission from the scouting organization to set up an amateur radio station at Fairfield County Fairgrounds on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Ray, W8FLX made motion to adjourn. Seconded by Robert (Frosty), W8AEY. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

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### UPCOMING HAMFESTS – Allen KB8JLG

Tickets for the Aladdin Hamfest are \$5 and tables and tailgating are free on a first come, first served basis. Last year was the first time for the free sales spaces and it resulted in a nice hamfest with more people in the tailgate area.

The Cambridge hamfest is a small event, this might be the third year. Entry is \$5, indoor tables are \$10 and tailgating is free. The time is from 8AM until 1PM. This is a nice event for a social trip with friends sharing travel expenses. The folks I go with usually eat at the Cracker Barrel in Zanesville.

I will try to arrange ride-sharing if you are interested.

### COLVETS – Laurel VE test group – Allen KB8JLG

The group seems to be doing very well with the following results listed on their website; FEB 2010 – 21 successful applicants: MAR 2010 – 6 successful applicants: APR 2010 – 18 successful applicants: MAY 2010 – 27 successful applicants: JUN 2010 – 22 successful applicants.

### TOUR DE CAUSE – Allen KB8JLG

From our experience with bike tours in the county, participants need an antenna with gain to report to the race organizers. I am attaching PDF files for a 2M phased vertical antenna array with 7 dB gain – and a 2M 2-element array. A J-Beam 3 element antenna with 7 dB

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gain can be found at [www.hamuniverse.com/jbeam.html](http://www.hamuniverse.com/jbeam.html) and a 3 element Yagi with 7 dB gain can be found at <http://mw0idx.co.uk/3elementyagi.html>. These can be easily built at low cost. If you already have a J-Pole antenna it can be converted to the J-Beam with little effort. Don't forget to notify Ed WD8PGO if you are interested in helping. Ham participants need to be at OU-L before 7AM to get their assignments.

= Heath HW8 QRP rig and Power Supply for sale =

Dave K8KEG is selling these items for \$110. They are in excellent condition as he has been using them on the air. It is a 5 watt(?), CW only on 80, 40, 20 and 15 M. He can be reached at (740) 689 – 1158.