

# The Ragchewer

March 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 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](mailto:Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG) or Ragchewer  
Editor at [ASELLERS1081@att.NET](mailto:ASELLERS1081@att.NET)

## HAMFESTS

Toledo OH: 21MAR10  
Jackson OH: 10APR10  
Athens OH: 25APR10  
Lancaster Swapmeet – 01MAY10

## **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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## March 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 24 members present.

Application from John Biter, KD8MZD was passed around for 2nd reading. George asked for a vote in favor of John Biter as a new member. All were in favor.

Also motion made by Allen, KB8JLG that no application was needed for John, KD8EEK to rejoin the club. Seconded by John, W8AGS and all were in favor.

### Officer Reports

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

Minutes for the February meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept was made by Ray, W8FLX and seconded by John, W8AGS, with change in spelling of Rob Ruffner name. Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report for February. Motion to accept by Allen, KB8JLG and seconded by John, K9ULO. Motion carried. Ed gave the 2009 recap of the year treasurer's report. Motion made to accept the report was made by Allen, KB8JLG and seconded by John, K9ULO. All in favor.

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

Mark did not have anything new to report. George asked him to consider a Golf Outing to raise money for the club once the weather is better.

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

John reported there was a problem with people on the repeater using Echo Link around 6 p.m. this evening and he did not feel the people were legal as they were not giving their call at least once every 10 minutes, etc. so he shut the repeater down which is his discretion.

New repeater 146.70 is on air and working. FMC has purchased a new antenna, which will be installed once weather is nicer to climb on the roof.

John has designated this repeater as the ARES, to be used for all drills and whenever we are called to assist with communications in emergencies or festivals, etc. John made a motion that the 146.70 repeater be used for operation and support for ARES, seconded by Don, WD8PCF. All in favor.

### Committee Reports

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

John, K9ULO reported that his wife, Donna has agreed to do our website. George has been in touch with Robert, KC8PSW and he will send the necessary files that Donna needs to get our website up to date. Anyone having changes for the website should wait until the first of next month before sending information to Donna. The club thanks Donna for volunteering to assist us with keeping our website up to date.

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

Allen reported that on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. he will start the Extra class and it will run for 10 weeks and the 11<sup>th</sup> week will be the testing of students.

#### **Monday Night Net**

March 8th	K9ULO, John Dolske
March 15th	W8AGS, John Lawson
March 22nd	W8OF, John Hilliard
March 29th	KD8DXC, Rob Ruffnet

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

Nothing new to report.

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

Ed reported that he is still working on the front door access with the contractor and manufacturer trying to figure out what the problem is.

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

#### **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**

It was reported Fat Cat Pizza has been reserved for the Christmas Party, which will be held on Saturday, December 11th.

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

Ed reported \$17.00 collected and Ray, W8FLX won \$8.50, which he donated to the general fund.

Ed also reported no winner for the 50/50.

### **Old Business:**

Allen, KB8JLG reported that the generator committee had met at the clubhouse and they have a couple of locations for installing the generator. The committee will wait until the weather is nicer to meet and get the generator installed.

John, K9ULO reported that he and Steve, KD8JLA had been looking at possible locations for Field Day. Allen, KB8JLG made a motion that we try Keller Kern Park this year and seconded by Jack, AE8P. All in favor.

Mary, KD8EEI reported the Executive Committee and Mark, KD8IMT who volunteered to assist with the grant request had two meetings and have a proposal for a grant request from Fairfield Foundation to purchase equipment. Mary has set a meeting up for Tues, March 9th at 3 p.m. to meet with Amy Eyeran and submit our preliminary grant application.

### **New Business:**

George reported that he had asked Connie & Sandy to consider a yard sale to raise money. After discussion it was agreed that George, KB8USP and Charlie, N8KZN will do a yard sale possibly at the 5th Avenue & Broad Church of Christ. Date to be established.

George also asked Connie & Sandy to look into another fundraiser at the Spaghetti Shop.

Ed, WD8PGO reported that he had the bill for insurance renewal due in May. John, K9ULO and Don, WD8PCF will take a copy and see if we can get a better quote from another insurance company and they will report back at the April meeting.

Ray, W8FLX reported that we might want to consider giving a 6 month trial membership to the people who take their licensing test and pass as an incentive for them to become members after the 6 month trial period.

Allen, KB8JLG asked anyone who has CQ or QST magazines they will like to donate for our library to let him know.

Allen, KB8JLG reported that Ed, KD8EEJ has fixed our kitchen telephone.

George, KB8USP reported that he has the ARES manual, which states that the ARES is a stand alone organization which has been established to train and be ready for any local disaster that may occur. RACES is the national organization.

George encouraged members to think about completing applications to see how many people were

interested in getting a stand alone group established. They would meet on a different night and time but would have full support of the club and access to our equipment.

Steve, KD8JLA made motion to adjourn. Seconded by John, K9ULO. Motion carried and we adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

### **Extra License Study Class – Allen KB8JLG**

5 students attended the first class 9MAR10 with 2 more planning to attend the next. Mike WD8EBS did an excellent job of covering all section #1 questions with hints on how a little study and common sense can “weed” out the wrong answer choices.

Allen has list of 3, possibly 4, calculators that are suitable for less than \$15. 5 persons have volunteered to teach two sections so the teaching “load” is not excessive.

Two of the volunteers are Generals, so they are getting GOOD practice for the test. Two students have told me that they started practice exams with near 50 percent correct results. One told me that, after the test he saw 4 questions that were covered during the class and remembered.

### **Elmers Wanted – Allen Sellers KB8JLG**

During the December 2009 club meeting, Ray K8FLX gave a nice talk about the rewarding aspects of “Elmering” by describing a contact, who reminded Ray that many years before Ray had helped him “get on the air”. This is something we can all do as the club station is a convenient location and mutually agreeable times are easy to arrange.

So far, our club members have informally helped people get on PSK31 and 2M as “Newby” technicians. There are a lot of topics that come to mind; choosing a rig, different modes, contests, public service, etc.

If you are interested in sharing a “skill” or knowledge, contact me and I will note your name and topic of interest for a list to be kept at the club.

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