

# The Ragchewer

November 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.

## **2010 VE Test:**

No tests at the clubhouse until the water line is fixed. Tests are 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)

Dave K8KEG has a Heath HW-8 in excellent condition. His phone is (740) 689 - 1158

HAMFESTS

See separate article

## **2010-2011 Officers**

### **President:**

George Lambert, KB8USP

### **Vice President:**

Rbt. Ruffner, KD8DXC

### **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

### **Public Relations:**

Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

### **Flower Fund:**

Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

### **Web Master:**

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

### **Editor:**

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## November 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 22 members present.

John, W8OF swore in new officers: George Lambert, President;, Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC Vice President; Ed Campbell, WD8PGO Treasurer,;, Mary Travis KD8EEI Secretary; Sandy Snider, KD8FTX as Activity Manager.

### Officer Reports

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

Minutes for the September meeting was posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes as published made by John, W8AGS and seconded by Ray, W8FLX. Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by John, W8OF and seconded by Ray, W8FLX. Motion carried.

Ed also reported that Charles Kinser, KB8OIW had been in the hospital. The club will send a card to Charles.

#### **VP Report: Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC**

Rob reported that he has completed the application for entry into the Holiday parade. He also reported that he had talked with Meijer again about items with our logo. Rob was given some suggestions on places to possibly have our logo, such as School Colors on N Columbus St and a place in Sugar Grove.

Mary, KD8EEI reported that she has tried to get in touch with Kevin Numbers via email and has no response. Rob was given a cell phone number for Kevin and he will contact to see if he has the original artwork for club logo.

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

Nothing new to report.

### Committee Reports

#### **Webmaster: Carol Dolske**

John, K9ULO reported that the website is working and there are some updates, which will be done over the winter season. The member list will be updated once Ed, WD8PGO has the new list with members and their class of license. Ed had a list ready but some members have given him changes this evening.

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

Allen reported that he would hold a Technician class starting on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Happy Penguin Café on Rt. 37 across from OU-L entrance..

#### **Monday Night Net**

November 8 <sup>th</sup>	W8OF	John Hilliard
November 15th	W8AGS	John Lawson
November 22nd	K9ULO	John Dolske
November 29th	KD8DXC	Rob Ruffner

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

Nothing new to report.

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

Ed reported that Charlie N8KZN will need workers for the holiday parade. The following people volunteered to work the parade: Ray Hurlbut, W8FLX; George Lambert, KB8USB; Mary Travis, KD8EEI; Connie Snoke, N8LPC; Charlie Snoke, N8KZN; Larry Wright, KB8AHK; Candy Wright, KC8NQG; Don Stephenson, WD8PCF; Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ; Sandy Snider, KD8FTX; Ed Campbell, WD8PGO.

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

Scott had nothing new to report.

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

John reported that the 146.70 repeater has now been set up with PL tone of 94.8.

John also reported that a couple of new mobile radios will be purchased for members to use at the clubhouse.

#### **Activities Co-Managers: Sandy Snider, KD8FTX**

Sandy handed out flyers for members to post in a prominent place at home so they will save the date of December 11<sup>th</sup> for our Christmas party.

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

Ed reported that we took in \$13.00 and Larry, KB8AHK won \$6.50. Ed also reported that Ray, W8FLX has won \$77.50 from the 50-50 fund.

#### **Old Business:**

Ed, WD8PGO was asked if he had talked with the tax person. He has not been contacted by the company that Connie N8LPC referred to him. Ed will contact

the tax person who does his taxes and see if they will look at our books and advise what we need to do for filing as a 501C3 organization.

Ed, WD8PGO also reported that the person who he has been working with for the new security system is ill and when he is better, they will finish the work on the system.

### **New Business:**

Rob, KD8DXC made a motion to purchase the numbers for the clubhouse and install in front of building so our number is visible from the road. Mark, KD8IMT seconded. All in favor.

George KB8USP reported that Robert, KC8PSW has asked if money has been allocated for the installation of the emergency generator. The group responded by saying that the committee should get together and discuss what will be needed and come back to the club with an amount they will need to install the generator. George will advise Robert.

Charlie N8KZN reported that Steve, KD8JLA had a member of the fire department check out our fire extinguishers and one was bad so they replaced it with a donated extinguisher.

Charlie reported that there will be food at the club on Thursday nights.

Steve, KD8JLA asked if we wanted him to contact Mike Kiger about the water issue. Steve was given permission to contact Mike and see what he says about

getting the water hooked up at the clubhouse.

George KB8USP asked Ray, W8FLX and John, K9ULO if they would be the audit committee for this year. Both agreed and a date will be established to review the books.

George asked for volunteers to be on a committee to review the constitution and by-laws and Mark, KD8IMT, Mary, KD8EEI and George, KB8USB will be the committee to review and recommend changes.

John, W8OF made a motion to have Charlie and Connie Snoke become lifetime members. Don, WD8PCF seconded and all were in favor.

Mark, KD8IMT reported that he has made a contact at high school and dropped off a questionnaire for him to fill out and return to Mark. As soon as Mark hears from the school, he will get together with members who had volunteered to work on the high school project and see if we can get a club started at the school.

Mike, WD8EBS made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jack, AE8P. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

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### **2011 Hamfests – Allen Sellers KB8JLG**

SCARF	16JAN11
Strasburg	30JAN11
Mansfield	13FEB11
Athens	24APR11
K8QIK Swapmeet	7MAY11
Dayton	20-21-22MAY11
Aladdin	6AUG11
Cambridge	28AUG11

The SCARF hamfest is sponsored by the ham group at Nelsonville, in the Vocational school. A very nice small event with Hocking College's motel and restaurant nearby. The lunch buffet food and service is excellent.

The three building Mansfield event is scheduled

for the worst weather of the winter with icy roads. Although the venue is warm and well-lit, parking is a problem. They consistently sell more tickets than parking spaces so you have to look l-o-o-ong and hard for a space.

The K8QIK swapmeet and Aladdin events are scheduled for Saturdays. The swapmeet is very small with a good selection of items. The Aladdin hamfest has continually gotten better since their policy of free spaces in the fleamarket and indoor table began.

I think the best day for Dayton is Friday and the worst is Sunday. Park in the remote parking and take a bus. It is very convenient and allows you to leave for lunch at a good-food restaurant, get off your feet for a time, empty your backpack and ready to return to the "fray". If you start early, you can cover the fleamarket in one day.

### **Radio Shack 2010 – Allen Sellers KB8JLG**

I recently visited the Radio Shack store at Ety Pointe on Ety Road, Lancaster. This new store is well stocked but under-staffed. They have (at reasonable prices): the multi-drawer parts cabinets for small electronic parts, resistors, capacitors, etc; Handi-box enclosures; soldering irons (good ones with the screw-in tips and replacements too); solderless breadboards; “generic” printed circuit boards of several sizes; and the “super” 500-in-1 project kit called Electronics Learning Center. I got mine for about \$50 several years ago and like it a lot. With a volt-ohm meter and oscilloscope you can build many circuits using the solder-less breadboard provided. I utilize a small, regulated power supply to replace the battery clips also provided. The two books that come with it are almost worth the price alone. If you want to learn electronics, this is a good place to start.

### **Massilon Hamfest – Allen Sellers KB8JLG**

The Massilon indoor hamfest was a rather large event once again. They sold all their tables and some people were waiting until the opening at 8AM to obtain unclaimed ones. The crowd was almost large enough to make walking between the tables a “wait for someone to move” proposition. There is always a local man who makes engraved plastic badges and signs. Ron WA8PGO and Dave WA8EUT shared a table with me and so I was able to visit all other vendors tables. I saw about a dozen 100MHz oscilloscopes without probes for \$50 and two Dentron 1000 watt antenna tuners for \$90. I took four boxes and brought home three so I am happy. I think Ron and Dave had a pretty successful event in that they sold some items and found some bargains.

Once again, the auction started early (and once again this wasn't announced). Auctions always are a one-time opportunity and this time there were 2 CW keyers (MFJ) and 2 paddles (Nye and Bencher) along with about a dozen coils of nice RG-8 cable. I got two power supplies; one JRC 20A unit and another 10A removed-from equipment unit. Only one HF rig, a Kenwood transceiver with a “capacitor” problem that caused hum, went for \$55. Many of the nice used ham equipment was repurchased by the older ham who owned them and didn't think the price was high enough. Since I enjoy amateur, old-time auctions I always attended this event, even when my son did not live nearby. I tried to make it a social event by sharing the ride and stopping for a nice breakfast and dinner.

### **Fort Wayne Hamfest – Allen Sellers KB8JLG**

Tomorrow, Saturday 13NOV10, I'm going to this event with two other ham friends. Since this is a two day hamfest, we can get there about 10AM and still see everything before they close at 4PM. Most vendors stay until Saturday closing since the venue is open the next day (Sunday) as well.