

The Ragchewer

October 2010

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

On the Web: www.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.

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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 or Ragchewer Editor at ASELLERS1081@att.NET

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

HAMFESTS

Massilon OH: 10-31-2010

ARRL Ohio Section & ARES Conference

Columbus OH: 10-16-2010

2009-2010 Officers

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John Hilliard, W8OF

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Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

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October 7, 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. Meeting was held at Ohio University, Room 417 since we do not have water due to lighting damage at the clubhouse.

There were 18 members present.

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 Jack, AE8P. Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report. Motion to accept by John, W8AGS and seconded by Ray, W8FLX. Motion carried.

Ed reported that he had a bill from Charlie for \$118.17 for items needed for the building at waterworks hill. Previous meeting we had approved up to \$150 so no further approval needed.

VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Nothing to report.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

Nothing new to report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Carol Dolske

John, K9ULO asked members to go to the website and check their license class. Mary, KD8EEI stated she would send an email to members asking them to check their status and email back updates. Mary will send this information to Ed, W8PGO and John, K9ULO for their lists.

Also John commented that the Constitution on the website has duplicate items. Mary, KD8EEI will rescan the original and send to John to update the website.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen reported that he will hold a Technician class in November at the 5th Avenue Church of Christ.

Allen also reported there will be no more VE tests scheduled until we get water at clubhouse.

Allen stated that Dave Younker K8KEG had donated a Heathkit 2 meter radio and power supply to replace the one hit by lighting in the kitchen at clubhouse.

Monday Night Net

October 11th	John Hilliard, W8OF
October 18th	John Lawson, W8AGS
October 25th	Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC
November 1st	John Dolske, K9ULO

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Nothing new to report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed stated we received \$100 donation due to people who worked the Sweet Corn Festival and asked for the donation of \$10 each time they worked to be sent to LFCARC.

Ed also reported that two new radios had been purchased for the EMA office – an ICOM 7000 and 2820. He also offered if anyone wanted to go the EMA office on Friday morning to see the new equipment, he will be available.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

Scott had nothing new to report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that he had submitted a bill to Ed for \$42.40 for items he has purchased for repeaters and equipment.

John also reported that he has provided Ed with a list of equipment, which was damaged by lighting to be included in the list for insurance company. Among the items were a PT decoder (\$57.99) and touch tone decoder (\$76.99). John would like to get these items ordered as soon as possible. Ralph, W8BVH made a motion for John to go ahead and order these items and seconded by Rob, KD8DXC. All in favor.

John also reported that he had been working on waterworks hill and has linked, bonded and grounded all 12 cables so if we have another lighting strike, we should be ok. Everyone thanked John and the people, who assisted for all their work in getting the building painted, equipment moved, antennas installed up at waterworks hill with the building we had been given by the County.

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

No report.

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Ed reported that we took in \$11.00 and Charlie, N8KZN won 5.50. No 50-50 collection taken.

Old Business:

Election of Officers - There was discussion on the request on ballots to have the name on the envelope to verify membership and a motion was made by Ray, W8FLX and

seconded by Jack, AE8P to not count any ballots that were sent in without a name on the envelope. All in favor no dissensions.

George KB8USP asked, Steve KD8JLA; Ralph W8BVH and Mark KD8IMT to count the ballots and give him a report of number of ballots for candidates for Activity Manager. Committee reported that Sandy KD8FTX had won as Activity Manger with 35 people voting.

Ralph, W8BVH made a motion to cast one ballot for President, Vice President, secretary and treasurer. Seconded by Ray, W8FLX. All in favor.

Mark, KD8IMT reported that he is still working on documents, etc. for the high school program but has not set up a meeting to date.

Application for John T Camm W8JTC was passed for the second reading. George asked for all in favor of John as a new member to raise their hand. All were in favor.

Allen, KB8JLG reported that Robert, KC8PSW will be the new chairman of the generator committee and will get together with members who volunteered to be on the committee once we have water back at the clubhouse.

Allen reported that we made another \$22.00 on items Don WD8PCF had donated to the club at the Swap Meet held on October 2nd.

New Business:

George was given an application for entry into Christmas parade on November 20th. George asked if the

Swapmeet October 2010 – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

The Swapmeet was held on Saturday, 02OCT10 and was similar to others in the past. Present, were hams from Licking, Franklin, Pickaway, Athens and Hocking counties. There were 23 hams total with 5 non-ham visitors. Almost all items donated by Don WD8PCF have been sold and the last of few brought \$22. Among the items seen were a Pyramid 52 Amp, 13 volt regulated power supply; a box of homebrew, one-tube, crystal controlled transmitters, a Hickok tube tester and three Dentron Antenna Tuners.

Dave K8KEG donated a Heath 2M transceiver and power supply for the club to replace the lightning damaged Clegg that was mounted under the kitchen cabinets.

Kit Building class – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Mike W0MNE has volunteered to conduct a class on kit building. The class project will be a state-of-the-art frequency counter and surface mounted components will be used. The cost (for parts) is about \$20 and he can accommodate five (5) students. Meeting times and dates are not decided at this time. Call me or Mike if you are

club was interested in having an entry. Rob, KD8DXC agreed to take form and fill out entry. John, K9ULO volunteered his truck and they will come up with a possible display for back of truck for the parade since we already have the magnetic signs for the sides of vehicle.

Rob, KD8DXC reported that the Scouts will have a tent at the Fair on Saturday from noon until 5 p.m. There will be two radio setups and Ben, KD8CAY will have his iphone to show Echo Link and they will also show Morse code. They will be asking for members to be at home so that when they have children who want to talk on the radio there will be someone at the other end to hear how the radio works.

George KB8USP reported that Cristy's Pizza does fund raisers and he will get the details and report back to members to see if there is any interest.

Rob KD8DXC stated he had been at Meijer's and they have logos, which can be put on items to purchase, i.e., mugs, etc. Rob was given permission to check this out and report back to members. This brought up a question as to who might have the original logo, which was prepared for the club. Some thought maybe Kevin Numbers might know. Mary agreed to try to contact Kevin and see if he has any information on original artwork. If found, John, K9ULO would like the original to use on website.

Jack AE8P made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ralph W8BVH. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

interested. His last class with a 40M QRP radio (I don't remember if it was a receiver or transceiver) went very well even though there was only one student. Like most projects, there was trouble-shooting involved to get it working and this provided hard to get experience. Fred WA8PGE tells me that the surface mount building procedures that will be used are rarely taught and this is an unusual opportunity.

Massilon Hamfest 31OCT10 – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

This hamfest is small... located in a nice, well lit and heated venue. It is very well attended. The outstanding feature is the old-time auction. If you have something to sell, be sure you know the rules on setting a reserve. Last year I bought a Swan 270B for \$30 and an ICOM 735 sold for \$75. The owner was there and said they worked before he put them away... he was cleaning his shack. This makes a nice social event if several hams travel together, share costs and eat at nice restaurant along the way. The event closes at 2PM so you can get home at a reasonable time.