

The Ragchewer

September 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.
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.

October 2010 VE Test:

The next VE test will be in October, 2010. 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

HAMFESTS

Lancaster OH Swapmeet: 10-02-2010
(Even if water is not fixed)
Massillon OH: 10-31-2010

ARRL Ohio Section & ARES Conference

Columbus OH: 10-16-2010

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

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Flower Fund:

Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

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September 2, 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 the Ohio Glass Museum, 124 West Main Street since we do not have water from lighting damage at the clubhouse.

There were 21 members present and one guest, Ben, KC8CAY.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the August meeting was posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes as published made by Ray, W8FLX and seconded by John, W8OF. Motion carried.

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

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

John, W8OF made a motion to permit Ed, WD8PGO to seek professional advise in setting up the treasurer's books under 501c3. Ray, W8FLX seconded. Motion was approved with one nay.

VP Report: Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

Nothing new to report.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

The building being donated to the club from the county is nearly ready to move our equipment into. There will be some work required, i.e., fill an opening with some boards and paint the exterior.

Ray, W8FLX made a motion to allow John, W8OF up to \$150 if needed to make the necessary repairs to get this donated building ready for our equipment.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Carol Dolske

No report.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen reported that the test administered on August 21st, there was one who passed technician and one failed general exam.

Allen also reported that he would hold a Technician class probably starting in October if we have water at the clubhouse by then.

Monday Night Net

September 5th	W8OF, John Hilliard
September 12th	W8AGS, John Lawson
September 19th	KD8DXC, Rob Ruffner
September 26th	W8AGS, John Lawson
October 3 rd	K9ULO, John Dolske

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Nothing new to report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed thanked the volunteers who worked the parade for the Sweet Corn Festival and any who worked security.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

Scott asked Ed, WD8PGO if he had heard anything from the County regarding a handicap entrance for our building. Ed stated that the County does not have any funds at the present time to make these changes.

Charlie, N8KZN will make arrangements to have our yearly fire extinguisher inspection.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that the 146.70 repeater is up and seems to be working fine.

John also stated that the UHF repeater that is at the clubhouse would be converted sometime this fall.

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

Nothing new to report

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

No flower fund this month.

Old Business:

Application for Ben, KC8CAY was passed for the second reading. George asked for all in favor of Ben as a new member to raise their hand. All were in favor.

Allen, KB8JLG reported that the generator committee will get together once we have water back at the clubhouse. Robert, KC8PSW volunteered to assist with this project.

Ed, WD8PGO reported that he received a letter from Richard Cordray stating the State of Ohio has accepted our filing our 501C3 status.

Allen, KB8JLG presented the following slate of officers for 2011: George Lambert, President; Rob Ruffner, Vice President; Mary Travis, Secretary; Ed Campbell Sr., Treasurer; Allen Sellers, Activity Manger. George asked if there were other nominations from the floor and Gary,

W8GTS stated he had permission to nominate Sandy Snider as Activity Manager. There was much discussion and finally John, W8AGS made a motion that nominations be closed and Don, WD8PCF, seconded it. All in favor. Since there is more than one person for Activity Manager, vote ballots will be mailed to members.

New Business:

Rob, KD8DXC reported that there would be a Scouting booth set up at the Fairfield County Fair on Saturday, October 16th. He asked volunteers to contact him or John, K9ULO if you can assist with this project.

John, W8JTC application for membership was passed around for first reading.

Robert, KC8PSW asked if we were going to have any other drills to check the antennas we have at the fire stations for emergency communications. Ed, WD8PGO said it was

probably time to have another drill to make sure all the antennas are in working order. Ed also reported that only 5 applications were received for ARES and Mary will send another email asking members to sign up so we can have our own ARES group.

Don, WD8PCF donated some used equipment to the club which Allen, KB8JLG took to the Aladdin Hamfest. Allen gave the club \$103 for items sold.

Ray, W8FLX made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jack, AE8P. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

Cambridge OH Hamfest 2010 – Ralph Howes W8BVH

I was unable to attend this year so Ralph W8BVH provided a report. He rode with Dave WA8EUT and Ron WA8GFO and they shared three selling spaces. Dave WD8AOL was there as well and the usual folks from Athens, Ross and Vinton counties. They arrived about 7:30AM and got home about 12 Noon after stopping at Zanesville's "Ice Cream Bowl" for lunch and icecream.

The outside flea market was pretty busy and the inside venue was also pretty full. Dave WA8EUT, Ron and Ralph helped a new ham, Daryl (KD8OSE), acquire a Yaesu 221, 2M all-mode transceiver and a tone board. Several days later he reported to Ralph that he got the board installed and it was working well.

Internet information – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Jack AE8P sent me a link to an internet article that discusses mis-information available online from so-called experts. If you are discussing radio problems, you should take advice with extreme caution.

Make sure you are operating the rig properly and your rig is working before blaming your present antenna for any poor performance.

Read the manual before asking for help... this at least allows you to discuss a problem knowledgeably.

If you radio works, don't try to "super tune" it.

If the manual and "normal" user settings don't resolve a problem, call tech support.

If it is under warranty, let the factory fix it.

Findlay OH Hamfest 2010 – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I shared a ride with Fred WA8PGE. We left Pickerington at 5:30AM, stopped for breakfast and got to the hamfest at 9:00AM. Because the upper, main flea market was full we were directed to the far end (down in the "swale"). If you want to sell in the main area, you probably want to get there before 7:00AM. Fred was selling contemporary computer towers and did very well. We took turns looking at the sale area. Dave WA8EUT and ED WB8JBG were there. I also saw Wayne Pickett WB8JFU from Nelsonville. I bought some things from an estate sale at a reasonable price but most items were offered at premium prices. I did see an original Sideband Engineers transceiver for less than \$150. I have only seen pictures of this unit. When sales become slow we left (about 12:30PM) and I got home before 4:00PM.

Clubhouse water status – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

John W8OF stated that the city and county are trying to decide whether the 200' replacement pipe will be PCV or copper, the city water standard. George KB8USP was musing that the club might pay for the copper to get repairs made in at timely fashion. Do you have any comments?

Swapmeet 02OCT10 – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

The swapmeet at the clubhouse will run from 8AM till Noon, but most people will be gone by 11AM. The Happy Penguin Café is open "two doors down" 7AM till 2PM, so restrooms and food are available nearby. Again no entry fee and no door prizes. The clubhouse will open... just no water.