



The Ragchewer

December 1, 2011

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

Club Meetings :

1st Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the clubhouse.

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.

VE Test:

The next test has not been scheduled. Call Allen KB8JLG (740) 654 – 8167 for details.

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 ragchewer@sbcglobal.net

HAMFESTS

01/15/2012.... SCARF Hamfest, Nelsonville, OH

01/29/2012 ... Tusco ARC Hamfest, Strasburg, OH
<http://www.tuscoarc.org>

02/05/2012 ... Winter Hamfest, Lorain, OH
<http://www.noars.net>

Special Event Stations

<http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>

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December 1, 2011 Meeting Minutes

At 7 p.m. prior to the regular meeting, we showed a DVD, which Ray Hurlbut had purchased for the club to use. The title was "The Last Big Field Day" and it was 41 minutes long. We had 14 people who attended to see the video. Mary did a survey of those present and they all said they enjoyed the video and would be interested in other ham related topics. Mary will pass this information on to Ray Hurlbut, W8FLX.

At 7:50 p.m. the monthly meeting was called to order by President, Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC who lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 16 members present.

We had one application for membership from Stanley Boch, KD8QVS that was passed around for first review.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the November meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes was made by John, W8AGS and seconded by John, K9ULO. Motion carried.

Roll call taken tonight:

George	KB8USP
Don	WD8PCF
Mary	KD8EEI
Charlie	N8KZN
Steve	KD8JLA
Rob	KD8DXC
Mark	KD8IMT
Mike	WD8EBS
Dave	WB9PXH
Jack	AE8P
John	KD8EEK
Connie	N8LPC
Ed	WD8PGO
John	K9ULO
Paul	KD8DDD
John	W8AGS



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

Ed gave the treasurer's report and John, K9ULO made motion to approve, seconded by Steve, KD8JLA. All in favor.

VP Report: George Lambert, KB8USP

No report

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

John, K9ULO reported that he would be updating the membership from the latest roster received from Ed, W8PGO.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen was not present but Mark, KD8IMT reported that the classes are still going on and they are meeting again at the Happy Penguin. Mark will have 3 technicians to test when Allen has his people ready for the extra test. The date for the test is not scheduled at this time.

Monday Night Net

Dec. 5th John Rader KD8PAF
Dec. 12th John Lawson, W8AGS
Dec. 19th Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC
Dec. 26th John Fick, KD8EEI
Jan. 2nd John Dolske, K9ULO

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed and Charlie thanked everyone who helped with communications for the holiday parade and a special thank you to John, K9ULO and Dave, WD8AOL for entering their vehicles.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

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

Mary reported for Sandy that the Christmas party will be held December 10th at 6:30 p.m. at The Golden Corral. Members will be limited to one guest because of the limited room size. Mary will send an email reminding everyone of the party on Wed, Dec. 7th.

Old Business:

Rob, KD8DXC has purchased the tarp to cover generator on the front porch and will bring tarp in next month.

Two Technician study guides have been purchased and will be taken to Lancaster library for distribution to interested parties.

Ed, WD8PGO reported that he has received permission from the County for us to install the ramp we approved at the November meeting.

Mary, KD8EEI reported that she had talked with Mark, KC8TUW and he will continue to be our PR representative. If anyone has any PR work for him to do, please contact him via email or telephone call.

New Business:

Rob read the email from John, W8OF regarding the club considering purchase of an OMNI-VII ham transceiver. There was some discussion but everyone felt we needed more information and maybe possibly hold a meeting when John could attend. The cost of installing cable at the clubhouse would need to be known and there were other questions.

Mary, KD8EEI reported that we would be receiving a check in the amount of \$272.41 from Kroger Rewards for the period 7/31/11 to 10/31/11. Mary stated she has been informed that Giant Eagle has a similar program and she will contact them to get the particulars and report back next month.

Don, WD8PCF made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike, WD8EBS. Meeting adjourned at 8:25p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary



LFCARC Christmas Party will be held Saturday December 10, 2011 at the Golden Corral in Lancaster(beside Lowe's).

Party Time is 6:30-9:30. Due to limited space club members may bring ONE Guest to the party.

When club members arrive at the Golden Corral on December 10th. they need to proceed through the line and pay for their food and tell the hostess they are there for the Radio Club Christmas Party and she will then direct them to the room.

General price is \$10.69 plus \$2.00 for your drinks. Senior discount cost is \$10.19 plus your drink (water is free).

We will pass around Santa's hat to collect for the tip

Any question please contact Sandy Snider KD8FTX (740)569-4732 email sksnider0533@gmail.com, or Connie Snoke N8LPC (740) 654-4582.

Hope to see everyone December 10th.

It sounds like the bands are opening up some. This will be a great source of DX and other long distance HFcommunications. As we get excited about operating we should also give some consideration to the old tradition of QSL cards. This can be a real enjoyment to collect them as well as there are several certificates and awards that can dress up your wall in the shack. To get all the scoop on QSLing go to http://arri-greatlakes.org/8th_bureau.htm This is the least expensive way to send and receive cards. Enjoy the challenges that Dxing offers.



- R&L Electronics, Hamilton, OH, is having their Customer Appreciation Day Saturday 12-10-2011 from 10am to 4pm. There will be vendors and prizes during the day.
<http://store.rlham.com/shop/catalog/custday.php>

December 7th is **PEARL HARBOR DAY !!** Remember our service men and women. The past has fought for what we have, the future fights for what we want to keep.....