

The Ragchewer

January 2011

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.

2011 VE Test:

Tests are even months at the clubhouse on Route 37. The Technician class test will be open to all comers at The Happy Penguin Café, Saturday 22JAN11 at 9AM. 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 ASELLERS1081@att.NET

Dave K8KEG has a Heath HW-8 in excellent condition.

His phone is (740) 689 – 1158

Ralph W8BVH has a Kenwood TS-830S and Dentron tuner 160 – 10M, 1 KW in excellent condition (740) 876 – 0344. These will be at the Nelsonville hamfest.

HAMFESTS

Nelsonville OH: 01-16-2011

Mansfield OH: 02-13-2011

2009-2010 Officers

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Mark Urbine, KC8TUW

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January 6, 2011 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 14 members present.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the December meeting was posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes as published made by Mike, WD8EBS and seconded by Rob, KD8DXC. Motion carried.

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

No treasurer's report, Ed was absent.

VP Report: Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC

Rob reported that he had attended the first meeting of ARES group on Tuesday, January 4th at EMA office. Rob was asked to start an ARES net on Sunday evenings around 8 p.m. This will be on the 146.70 repeater. The ARES meetings will be held the third Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at EMA office and you must enter through doors from rear parking lot area.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that he has worked with the Executive Committee on an issue that arose at the Christmas party by a previous member.

John also reported that he has submitted registrations for all three repeaters for another year. The invoice has been submitted to Ed for payment.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Carol Dolske

John, K9ULO was not present when reports were given.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen absent but George reported that the Tech class is continuing at The Happy Penguin Café and there are three students. The Tech test will be given after the last class meeting.

Monday Night Net

Jan. 10th	W8OF	John Hilliard
Jan. 17th	KD8DXC	Rob Ruffner
Jan. 24th	K9ULO	John Dolske
Jan. 31st	W8AGS	John Lawson

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen absent.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed absent.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

Scott absent.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that he made a trip to waterworks hill and everything is working well. He replaced the tone board so the repeater will work remotely. The new tone board purchased was approx. \$18.

John also reported that a group had gotten together at the clubhouse and cleaned out the closet in the old timers room and there is now a lock on the closet door. We will store spare parts for the repeaters, which had been at John's house as well as any other equipment that we want to keep under lock. Ralph, W8BVH made some brackets and the table in the old timers room is now ready for use.

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

Sandy asked if the members wanted her to reserve Fat Cats for the party in 2011 on second Saturday in December if the date is available. The members were in agreement.

Motion was made by Jack, AE8P that we pay the \$50 donation which is required to hold the room which they will return to us the night of the party. Seconded by Charlie, N8KZN. All in favor.

Motion was made by Rob, KD8DXC to take the first Kroger Community Rewards check we receive in 2011 and give to Activity Manger to use for Christmas party fund. Seconded by John, W8OF. All in favor.

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Ed reported that we took in \$9.00 and Candy, KC8NQG won \$4.50 which she donated to the flower fund.

Ed also reported that no winner on 50-50 fund.

Old Business:

George reported that we will table the second reading of the three applications for membership until next month's meeting since Ed is absent and we do not have the applications.

John, K9ULO stated that Ray W8FLX was in CA and when he returns they will set up a meeting for auditing the books and report at the next meeting.

Mary, KD8EEI reported that the generator committee met and it was agreed that we would do a grant request for a generator to be permanently installed at the clubhouse. Ed, WD8PGO was to check with County to make sure they were OK with us putting in a permanent installation. Ed has received that OK and Mary is working on the write up for the grant and Ed and John, W8OF are going to get quotes for generator including permanent installation.

At the same meeting it was agreed that we should look for a grant to pay for a handicap entrance to our clubhouse. We all felt that this should be our #1 priority. Mary is working on where to go for a grant. She has been given a couple of contacts and will make them and report at next meeting her findings.

New Business:

George stated that Gary, W8GTS had won 5th place in Ohio State Parks on the Air for single operator on multi-band. Congratulations to Gary.

One application was passed for first reading: David E White, WD8LZK.

Mark, KD8IMT reported that since the high school is not interested in starting a radio group that maybe the place to go would be the elementary schools. He will contact Gary Elick, Medill school and see if there would be an interest in having the club speak to their students. John, W8OF recommended maybe we work the ARES or

emergency communications angle to get interest. Maybe we could get some public announcements if we use the emergency preparedness angle. Mark will look into these suggestions and report back at next meeting.

Jack, AE8P made a motion that we purchase a plaque honoring the 21 original members who started the radio club and hang it at the clubhouse. Charlie, N8KZN seconded the motion. After much discussion and no cost figure, it was determined we would table this action until next meeting so cost figures could be obtained.

There was discussion on keys for new security system and what the cost should be to members who wish to have access. This was tabled until next meeting so Ed can provide some insight on previous procedure and cost.

Roman, W8TUZ from Logan stated there will be a tech class held in Logan on Feb 26th and March 5th and the test will be given on March 5th. This is a two day preparation for the test. Contact Roman, W8TUZ or Roy, KC8TFW if you know of anyone who is interested.

John, K9ULO reported that Frosty, W8AEY had surgery and recommended the club send him a card. Ed, KD8EEJ will take care of sending a card.

Mike, WD8EBS made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jack, AE8P. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary