

The Ragchewer

July 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:

Typically even numbered month.
See ARRL.ORG for date. Register
and testing at 10:00 am. Tests also
upon request.

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.

August 2011 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
ASELLERS1081@att.NET

HAMFESTS

Aladdin Temple Columbus	08-04-2011
Cambridge, OH	08-28-2011
Findlay, OH:	09-11-2011
K8QIK Swapmeet	10-01- 2011

2010-2011 Officers

President:

George Lambert, KB8USP

Vice President:

Robert 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, SK 7-2011

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July 7, 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 13 members present.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the June meeting was posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes was made by Ray, W8FLX and seconded by Steve, KD8JLA. Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report and Steve, KD8JLA made motion to approve, seconded by Ray, W8FLX. All in favor.

VP Report: Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC

Rob reported that he has completed the form for the ARES group on activities that have taken place; i.e. Meeting at clubhouse, antenna check, communications at arthritis walk and field day activities.

Rob also reported on Field Day and explained there were some issues with getting some antennas to work properly. He thanked everyone that helped set up and his co-chair, Steve, KD8JLA and John, K9ULO who assisted him with getting the Field Day going.

Ray, W8FLX suggested we need to take a different approach for Field Day. Ray explained that there was a lot of effort put in to set up four stations for operating and there was very little member participation to work the radios. He suggested that we should get the members to sign up ahead of time to schedule their ability to participate and then set up the stations accordingly. Next year's committee should take these suggestions into consideration.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John sent a report via Steve, KD8JLA that he had noticed the coax for the 147.03 repeater on waterworks hill had come loose. He went up and repaired the coax so that it is now attached and the repeater is working fine.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Carol Dolske

Nothing to report.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

No report. George, KB8USP reported for Allen that he is considering having an extra class in September. If you know of anyone interested in an extra class, please have them contact Allen.

Monday Night Net

July 11th John Rader, KD8PAF
July 18th Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC
July 25th John Lawson, W8AGS
Aug. 1st John Dolske, K9ULO

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed reported that he still needs a few workers for the bicycle Tour de Cause on July 16th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ed reported that he has all the workers needed for the Lancaster Festival (July 23, 27 and 30th).

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

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

Sandy sent an email which Mary read to the group thanking everyone who helped prepare food for the Field Day and also a big thank you to Charlie and Connie for picking up the supplies, and Charlie for cooking.

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Connie took up the flower fund and reported that we took in \$9.00, and Connie, N8LPC won \$4.50 which she donated back to the flower fund.

Since Ed, Kd8EEJ is sick, there was no 50-50.

Old Business:

Steve, KD8JLA made a motion to reimburse Robert, KC8PSW for candy used for the parade (\$15.76). Motion seconded by Rob, KD8DXC. All in favor.

George presented two options that Robert, KC8PSW had given for installing steps from the parking lot to the club house. Ray, W8FLX made a motion to approve the first proposal which was for \$198.98 and seconded by Jack, AE8P. All in favor. Ed, WD8PGO reported that the County maintenance person had given approval for the club to install the steps.

New Business:

Mark, KD8IMT reported that the test given on June 25th at Happy Penguin had a teenager pass his test. The second teenager who took the test did not pass because he used old study guide and was not aware that they change every four years.

There was more discussion on the Elmer Program and Mark reported that he has one person who has signed up and that is Dave, WD8AOL. Mark would like the members to let him know of specific fields that they are knowledgeable so a list could be established. The list would be given to new members so that if they had a question on a particular area of amateur radio, they could call someone from that list.

There was a discussion about having a technical presentation at each meeting. Ray, W8FLX volunteered to set up some technical sessions for future meetings.

Ray, W8FLX has set up a meeting at Olivedale Senior Center for Tuesday, August 9th at 11 a.m. for any members of Olivedale who might be interested in having a radio club to attend. Ray is asking as many of our members who are available to attend the meeting that day to show our support of this program.

After John, W8OF was contacted regarding a request that the club purchase a tuner for our new HT radio and he agreed that we did need a tuner. Motion was made by Ray, W8FLX to purchase a tuner for our ICOM 7000 radio and

seconded by Rob, KD8DXC. All in favor. John will be advised to purchase the tuner.

David, WB9PXH said he or his wife Jeanne will take orders for items either embroidered or screen printed with call letters to **Embroidery Barn at Carter Evans Farm, 591 Hill Rd N, Pickerington, OH 43147**. These printings can be on shirts, jackets, hats, etc. David will deliver the items to members at club meetings or radio night. He has left a catalog at the clubhouse for members to look at if interested in ordering items. Members can purchase their own product elsewhere and have their call letters done by them. If interested, you can contact David at 614 837-5467.

If you prefer you can go to the **Embroidery Barn** in Pickerington to have the work done. Phone numbers for Embroidery Barn are **614 920-2276 or fax at 614 920-2277**. **Email address is www.embroidery-barn.com**

Jack, AE8P made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ray, W8FLX. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

Would you like to serve as K8QIK VE team liaison? – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I am interested in finding a replacement... you have to be an Extra Class licensee. I used to schedule a test session every other month and submit the schedule to the ARRL on a yearly basis. Since I retired it is difficult to plan that far ahead and I have been missing this objective.

The paperwork requires an hour or two to submit results after each test, you have to keep records for three years and the money account records have to be available to the ARRL at their request.

It has been very rewarding and provides a real service to the club. Let me know if you are interested.

Would you like to edit the Ragchewer? – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I am interested in finding a replacement to edit the K8QIK newsletter in my place. It is not very time consuming but I am losing interest.

I am using Micro\$oft Office 97 and Adobe Acrobat for the basic work ... '97 to prepare the layout and Adobe for the email distribution. Not everyone has the ability to read emails based on Office 97 files. In my case, my Micro\$oft Works is

so crippled it won't do the job but it will read Adobe files.

I use an older computer with Micro\$oft WinDoze98 to do all the work and transfer the Ragchewer file to my System-7 computer for distribution as email. Let me know if you are interested.

1987 North American Callbook – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I am looking for the 1987 edition of the callbook that I left in the clubhouse but is now missing; I was tired of carrying it to every test session. Recently a ham asked me for assistance in documenting his claim that he was a pre-1987 Technician and I could not find the book that I purchased for the VE team. It took him almost six weeks to get the FCC to provide the records.

If you have borrowed it or know where it is will you please see that it is returned? – or , if you have a copy you can donate please let me know.

Save your car battery – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Recently I was with a friend when their car became inoperative and the flashers had to be used to warn other drivers. After several hours of use the car's battery was drained. This did not "kill" the battery... It was recharged OK at the first opportunity. I was reminded of the emergency accessory that operates from "C" batteries and acts as

electronic flares. These are the size of a dinner plate or Frisby. I got mine at hamfests for less than \$10 apiece. They supposedly are able to withstand being run-over by a car. The LED light are very bright; "C" batteries seem to last a long time in use and also have a long storage life.

Are you interested in upgrading your license? – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

Several people have expressed an interest in upgrading their license and I need help in deciding what class to offer next. An important consideration is that these classes require about 10 weeks.

If you are interested in a class for Technician, General, Extra or Morse code let know.

The license practice tests on the internet are extremely helpful. Most people start at a 40 percent

passing rate and get to the 90 percent level at the end of the class. This ensures there is a little "cushion" above the 77 percent required.

Morse code classes take about six weeks and sixty hours of extra homework listening to tapes and practice sending. I recommend learning CW at the 5 words per minute rate and building your speed by operating on the air.