

The Ragchewer

March 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.

April 2011 VE Test:

The next test will be in April at the K8QIK clubhouse, 10AM. 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 Dentron tuner 160 – 10M, 1 KW in excellent condition (740) 876 – 0344.

HAMFESTS

Charlestown WV	03-19-2011
Toledo OH	03-20-2011
Athens, OH:	05-01-2011
K8QIK Swapmeet	05-07- 2011
Dayton, OH	05-27/29-2011

2010-2011 Officers

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March 3, 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 27 members present and one guest, Susan Bloom, KD8PKU.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

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

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

Ed gave the February treasurer's report and Ralph, W8BVH made motion to approve, seconded by David, WB9PXH. All in favor.

Ed reported that he had left the paperwork for the CPA to review. The CPA recommended that we purchase Quick Books and use it to keep track of our income, expenses, grants, etc. The cost of QuickBooks is \$149. John, K9ULO made a motion to purchase Quick Books at \$149, seconded by John, KD8PAF. All in favor.

VP Report: Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC

No report – Rob absent

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

Mary, KD8EEI reported the following for John. Steve KD8JLA got approval from FMC to donate several chairs for the clubhouse. I delivered them on Monday evening with Steve and Ralph W8BVH showed up to help also. I went through all the chairs and anything that was broken, ripped or bent has been removed and thrown out in a dumpster.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Carol Dolske

John, K9ULO reported that he has added the ARES Central Ohio repeaters to the website. Jay, KD8HVW is working on some additions to this list and once he has a complete list, he will provide to John for updating the current repeaters listed for ARES on the website.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

George, KB8USP reported for Allen that they held the VE test and we had 1 tech, 3 general and 1 extra pass. One person took the tech and general and passed both.

Allen is planning to have a swap meet on May 7th .

Monday Night Net

March 7th	W8AGS	John Lawson
March 14th	K9ULO	John Dolske
March 21st	W9AGS	John Lawson
March 28 th	KD8PAF	John Rader
April 4th	KD8PAF	John Rader

Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC will be backup

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed reported the next ARES meeting will be held at clubhouse on March 15th at 7 p.m.

Ed reported anyone wishing to take the Weather Spotters training on March 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Center needs to call EMA office and register.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

Scott - no report

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

Mary, KD8EEI reported for John the following: Performed PM on the equipment at FMC used for the 146.70 and the packet BBS/ DX Cluster computer. Steve KD8JLA asked the Center I.T. person to change the computer power so that if power fails and is restored the computer will start up on its own and run.

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

Sandy reported that they will be having a cookout/picnic for Field Day starting between 5 – 6 p.m.

Flower Fund: Ed Bennett, KD8EEJ

Ed reported that we took in \$13.00 and George, KB8USP won \$6.50 which he donated to the general fund.

Ed also reported there was no winner of the 50-50 fund.

Old Business:

Second reading for Susan Bloom, KD8PKU application.

John, K9ULO made a motion to approve Susan's application for membership and seconded by John, KD8PAF. All in favor.

John, K9ULO stated that he and Ray will be setting a date to audit the treasurer's books now that Ray is back in town.

Mary, KD8EEI reported that she has delivered the application for the Gannett grant requesting money to purchase a generator.

New Business:

Charlie asked for volunteers to work the MS Walk on April 16th working from 8:30 a.m. – noon. The following people volunteered: Ray, W8FLX; Candy, KC8NQG;

Gary, W8GTS; Sandy, KD8FTX; Charlie, N8KZN; Connie, N8LPC; George, KB8USP; Mary, KD8EEI and Dave, WD8AOL.

John, K9ULO made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jack, AE8P. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

General License Class – Allen KB8JLG

Eight persons attended the first class 5MAR11 including two non-members. The class will run for ten weeks total and there will be a test for the class the week after we finish the material. The question pool changes on 01JUL11 so the Sixth Edition of the General License Manual will not be useful after that date. Since the license manual only covers the existing question pool, it is not helpful for subsequent tests.

Other ham classes – Allen KB8JLG

I plan on having CW and Extra license study classes this fall but I don't know if I will have the Morse code class first. I may start charging a fee to cover my expenses as it takes about a gallon of gas per trip to Lancaster. Let me know of your needs so I can plan (I prefer the CW class first).

**2011 Mansfield Hamfest – Allen Sellers
KB8JLG**

Several local hams attended the February 13, 2011 event but everyone made their own arrangements and I was not able to help setup a carpool situation. I rode with John K9ULO. We left Pickerington before 6AM, stopped at a MacDonald's drive-through and arrived fairly early (a little after

8AM). We were in the traffic jam on the road waiting to enter for about 15 minutes. Once inside we found a parking spot OK but the snow had not been cleared so we left with wet feet because we had to walk through deep slush all the way back to the car.

All three buildings were used and the lighting, temperature and restrooms were very good. The attendance was very good but there were a noticeable number of empty tables... maybe 10 percent. I came home with a "grocery sack" of small items and books. One of the books, Middleton's 101 WAYS TO USE HAM TEST EQUIPMENT is really how to use a grid-dip meter and is a litany of applications with few details given... so I learn once again that dated material is cheap for reason. This hamfest is the only one where I have seen "fire damaged" (smoke smell and sagging face plate features) HF rigs and this one was way too high in price also. I found an SVG cable for a flat screen monitor for \$5 (\$15 at Target) but once again there was only one.

One interesting item I bought was a VOM kit that Heath included as part of the color TV kit they sold. It has keyhole holes on the side so you could mount it on the cabinet while you were testing the circuits.