



# The Ragchewer

October 2011

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

**On the Web: [www.k8qik.org](http://www.k8qik.org)**

## ***Club Meetings :***

1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## ***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](mailto:Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG) or Ragchewer  
Editor at [ragchewer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ragchewer@sbcglobal.net)

## ***EVENTS OF INTEREST***

10/30/2011 | Massillon Hamfest, Massilon, OH  
11/05/2011 | Grant ARC Hamfest, Georgetown, OH  
01/29/2012 | Tusco ARC Hamfest, Strasburg, OH

## ***Special Event Stations:***

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

## ***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

### ***Web Master:***

John(K9ULO)/Carol Dolske  
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### ***Editor:***

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## October 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 19 members and 1 guest present.

Prior to the meeting at 7 p.m., Ray W8FLX showed a video he obtained entitled, "Amateur Radio, Wireless Window to the World". The members thanked Ray for purchasing this video, which can be shown to any group interested in learning about Amateur Radio.

### Officer Reports

#### **Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI**

Minutes for the September meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes was made by Ray, W8FLX and seconded by Charlie, N8KZN. Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report and Steve, KD8JLA made motion to approve, seconded by Don, WD8PCF. All in favor.

#### **VP Report: Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC**

No report - absent

#### **Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF**

No report.

### Committee Reports

#### **Webmaster: Carol Dolske**

John, K9ULO reported that items were up to date on the website.

#### **Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG**

Mark, KD8IMT reported for Allen that they had one person who was tested last month.

Swap Meet held on October 1 had about 10 sellers and they closed up at 10 a.m. due to cold weather. There was no money made for club because coffee and donuts were not sold.

Allen has started Extra Class on Saturday from 9-11 a.m. at the clubhouse.

#### **Monday Night Net**

Oct. 10th	John Rader KD8PAF
Oct. 17th	John Lawson, W8AGS
Oct. 24th	Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC
Oct. 31st	John Dolske, K9ULO

#### **Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH**

Ralph was absent but members were asked to submit anything they have for Ragchewer to Ralph.

**Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO**

Ed reported that the ARES group will start meeting again on Nov. 15th at 7 p.m. at the EMA office.

Ed also asked Charlie, N8KZN if he had received the application, which needs to be completed if we are going to have an entry in the Holiday parade. John, K9ULO said he would check and if he was available, he would submit the application prior to the deadline.

**Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO**

No report.

**Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF**

No report.

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

Connie reported for Sandy that the Christmas party will be held December 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Fat Cats Pizza. Members will be limited to one guest because of the limited room size.

**Old Business:**

Motion was made that the candidates be approved as set forth by the nominating committee which consisted of: President, Robert, W8RVD; VP, Rob, KD8DXC; Secretary, Mary, KD8EEI; Treasurer, Ed, Wd8PGO and Activities Manager, Sandy, KD8FTX and the secretary to cast one ballot. Seconded by Don, WD8PCF. George asked for show of hands and all were in favor.

Mary, KD8EEI thanked Robert, KC8PSW and Charlie, N8KZN for installing the steps. The group concurred and applauded their efforts. They spent one complete day from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. getting the steps completed since the previous day they had been rained out. The steps will be appreciated by all, especially those who have difficulty in walking.

Ray, W8FLX made a motion to reimburse Robert for \$250.13 for materials and \$71.95 for transportation to pickup materials (total of \$322.08). Seconded by John, K9ULO. All in favor,

**New Business:**

Charlie, N8KZN reported that they will start having food at the clubhouse for radio night Thursday, October 20th. at 6 p.m.

John, K9ULO made a motion to purchase two ARRL technician study guides to be placed in the Lancaster library. Seconded by Ray, W8FLX. All in favor.

Ray, W8FLX stated he had another video he would like to show at 7 p.m. prior to the December meeting. The members agreed to have Ray present the video at that meeting.

George read thank you from Davia Bennett for flowers and cards sent in memory of Ed, KD8EEJ.

Mary, KD8EEI will resubmit the grant request for a generator for clubhouse to Fairfield Foundation prior to the next submission deadline.

Steve, KD8JLA made comment that the cover on generator on front porch was in bad shape. Members agreed to get it covered again before bad weather.

George introduced Robert, W8RVD to the members and gave Robert a chance to address the membership.

George, KB8USP thanked everyone for their support while he served as President and he asked members to give Robert, W8RVD the same support.

Jack, AE8P made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Gary, W8GTS. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Roll call taken tonight:**

George	KB8USP
Don	WD8PCF
Mary	KD8EEI
Charlie	N8KZN
Steve	KD8JLA
Gary	W8GTS
Ray	W8FLX
Alan Miller	Guest
Mark	KD8IMT
Mike	WD8EBS
Paula	KD8OCI
Mike	WN8C
Robert	W8RVD
Jack	AE8P
Robert	KC8PSW
John	KD8EEK
Connie	N8LPC
Ed	WD8PGO
John	K9ULO
Paul	KD8DDD

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

**Notes from Allen, KB8JLG**

**Findlay Hamfest 10SEP11** – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I went with Fred WA8PGE and we left Columbus at 6AM. The weather going up was nice but there was wet ground at the Hancock County Fairgrounds Also there were Dave WA8EUT, Roy – from Circleville, Russ – from Cambridge, Fritz – WD8E from Granville. It was a nice event with interesting items aplenty. I got an electric lawn edger and some books. I also sold my Heath HW9 that I bought at the Jackson hamfest last spring... because I intended to sell it, I had Mike Erwin fix the blown output transistors. The hamfest was about as large as ones in the past. We left the venue after the last hand-held raffle was drawn and I got home about 4PM.

## **Extra license class October 2011** – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

The first license class was held at the clubhouse after the swapmeet at 1PM Saturday, 01OCT11. Two people attended and we almost covered the first entire Sub-element question section. We decided that future classes will be held at 9AM Saturdays for about two hours at a time.

Some people couldn't attend this session so I expect more in the future. It is still not too late to join us. I was disappointed that no one came from Columbus as I posted a notice at Universal Radio about a month ago.

The new ARRL "big" license manual appears to have a CD with practice exams on it.

The new stairs at the clubhouse (from the parking lot) are very nice.

## **Ohio State Parks Event** – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I went to the Great Seal Park near Chillicothe on Saturday 09SEP11 to visit Fred WA8PGE and his friend Dave F8AX at their event station setup. They were located in the shelter at the camping area... a horse, trail-riding club had reserved all the camp sites.

They had an I-Com 703 for 10 watt SSB and Fred's SDR rig for 5 watt CW. The antennas were 80M, 40M, 20M and 6M dipoles, none were higher than 10 feet. The batteries were four 5AH gel cells fed by two .5 Ampere, 19 volt solar cells and a Micro+ solar controller. I left about 6:30PM and at that time they had totaled 45 – 80M contacts and 40 – 40M contacts. Everyone's NVIS antennas really worked as their contact rate was about two per minute. They kept a hand log with paper and pencil. There were not many CW stations on the air while I was there.

## **Swapmeet October 2011** – Allen Sellers KB8JLG

The swapmeet was held at 8AM Saturday, 01OCT11. The weather was pretty brisk with light misty drizzle at the beginning that finally cleared to an overcast sky and cold (in the low 50's). I had a sweater, light jacket, hat and light gloves and finally about 9:45AM gave up when most everyone was leaving. I sold some of my hard-to-find older antenna books and Roy Ulko sold his Ten-Tec Century 21 transceiver. Other items I saw were some nice heavy antenna rotors, a ten –element "Quagi", the big, newer model Heath antenna tuner. There were less than ten cars selling items and the turn out was low.

## **<< FOR SALE >>**

Two 30 Amp, two pole disconnect switches. One has fuse clips, the other does not. Lockable cover, Non weather-proof enclosure. Used, excellent condition: \$25 each (over \$100 new). Suitable for up-to 600 watt solar panels or 30A, 230 VAC motor/loads.

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