



The Ragchewer

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.

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.

September 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 ragchewer@sbcglobal.net

HAMFESTS

Findlay, OH:	09-11-2011
Cincinnati, OH	09-18-2011
K8QIK Swapmeet ; 8:00am to ??	10-01- 2011
Massillon Hamfest	10-30-2011

Special Event Stations

10-14-2011	Jamboree on the Air
10-19-2011	Circleville Pumpking Show

2010-2011 Officers

President:

George Lambert, KB8USP

Vice President:

Robert Ruffner, KD8DXC

Treasurer:

Ed Campbell Sr., WD8PGO

Secretary:

Mary Travis, KD8EEI

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John Hilliard, W8OF

Station Engineer:

John Hilliard, W8OF

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<< September 1, 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 20 members and 1 guest present.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the August meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Motion to accept minutes was made by Ray, W8FLX and seconded by John, W8AGS . Motion carried.

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report and Ray, W8FLX made motion to approve, seconded by Gary, W8GTS. All in favor.

VP Report: Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC

Rob reported that the Sunday night net is still being held at 8:30 p.m. on 146.700 repeater. Rob also explained that he is thinking about trying a simplex net.

Rob also reported that Boys Scout Troop 240 toured the clubhouse and were given a demonstration of the ham radio equipment. Hopefully we may get some future hams from this group.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: Carol Dolske

Mary reported that John, K9ULO stated he has a couple of updates that he needs to do (one of which is remove KD8EEJ from membership list.)

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

George, KB8USP reported for Allen that he is considering having a tech., general, extra or CW class in September. If you know of anyone interested in a class, please have them contact Allen.

George also reported that Allen would like to find someone willing to take over as the VE Exam Liaison. If interested, please contact Allen.

Also, Mark, KD8IMT reported that they had two people to test in August and both passed the Tech exam.

Monday Night Net

Sept 5th John Dolske, K9ULO
Sept 12th John Lawson, W8AGS
Sept 19th Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC
Sept 26th John Lawson, W8AGS
Oct 3rd John Rader, KD8PAF

Ragchewer: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

George reported that Ralph, W8BVH has agreed to be the new Ragchewer editor. Anyone who has information that should be included in Ragchewer, please send to Ralph, ragchewer@sbcglobal.net

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed thanked all workers who helped with the Sweet Corn Festival parade. Ed also reported that they tried the portable repeater that John, W8OF has made and were unable to receive transmissions back to their radios from the Lancaster repeater. We will pass this information on to John for future reference.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

George reported for John that the 146.700 repeater was hit by lighting and John was able to get it back on line within a couple of days after it went down. Steve, KD8JLA was able to get 2 new computers donated and they are being used for packet and EchoLink.

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

No report.

Old Business:

George thanked the nominating committee which consisted of: Susie, KD8PKU; Gary, W8GTS; Ray, W8FLX; and Mark, KD8IMT and asked for their report. Ray reported the candidates for office as follows: President, Robert, W8RVD; VP, Rob, KD8DXC; Secretary, Mary, KD8EEI; Treasurer, Ed, Wd8PGO and Activities Manager, Sandy, KD8FTX. George asked for nominations from the floor and having none, Ray, W8FLX made motion to close nominations, seconded by Mike, WN8C and all but one were in favor.

Robert, KC8PSW reported that he will be installing the steps sometime next week and he will let Mary know when he wants to start and she will send an email out to membership asking for volunteers to assist with this project.

Ray, W8FLX has not had time to set up a bereavement committee. He will report to the membership once a committee has been set up.

There was a lot of discussion on David White, WD8LZK application for membership that was submitted in January of 2011 and later approved. He left for active duty before his dues were paid. Ray, W8FLX made motion that we only accept his initial fee of \$2.00 and carry him as a member until he returns from active duty at which time he will have three months to pay his dues. Seconded by Jack, AE8P. All in favor.

Mark, KD8IMT reported that Jack, AE8P had found information from Silicon Valley VE group which is a 17 page document for new Tech's. Mark and Jack have changed wording to reflect our club information and Mark recommends we use this for all new members and also those passing their tests at VE exams. Mary, KD8EEI suggested we should develop a letter to be given to people who take the test and pass which would welcome them to join our club and attach our application and brochure about the club along with this 17 page booklet. Mark also reported that Allen, KB8JLG is also aware of this booklet and feels it is good for new people.

New Business:

Charlie, N8KZN reported that there would be no food prepared for radio night until October 20th.

Robert, KC8PSW reported that he had passed out approx. 15 brochures to attendees at a CERT training in Pickerington that he attended, Robert also stated there were 3 couples who were interested in pursuing getting their ham radio license.

Robert, KC8PSW made a suggestion that we have a standard mounting kit placed in a consistent location at each fire station so they can be located quickly and easily in an emergency.

David, WB9PXH asked if we had selected the colors we were going to use for the club. There was a discussion and it was left that David will try to bring some colored items for examples to our next meeting if Embroidery Barn has items available. Scott, WD8IXO reported that colors had been chosen several years ago and they were royal blue and silver. Several members at that time purchased jackets and shirts that were embroidered with the club logo by a vendor in Sugar Grove who is no longer available.

For member information:

If you would like to have your call sign screen print or embroidered on any item you may already have, 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

Motion made by Ray, W8FLX to amend the bylaws section b on nomination procedure page 3 to read as: "The nominating committee will report their slate at the September meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time. No nominations may be made after the September meeting. All members nominated must be in good standing and agree to serve, if elected, before the September meeting is adjourned. The September meeting must be held in Fairfield County." Seconded by Don, W8PCF. All in favor.

Motion was made by Don, WD8PCF to have everyone in attendance at future meetings give their name and call and that it be recorded in the minutes for future reference. Seconded by Robert, KC8PSW. All but one in favor.

Roll call taken tonight->



Rob	KD8DXC
Don	WD8PCF
Dave	WD9PXH
Charlie	N8KZN
Steve	KD8JLA
Gary	W8GTS
Ray	W8FLX
Alan Miller	Guest
Mark	KD8IMT
David	WD8LZK
Paula	KD8OCI
Mike	WN8C
John	W8AGS
Jack	AE8P
Robert	KC8PSW
John	KD8EEK
Connie	N8LPC
Scott	WD8IXO
Ed	WD8PGO
George	KB8USP
Mary	KD8EEI

Gary, W8GTS made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jack, AE8P. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, Secretary
KD8EEI

Late Breaking news.....

The Extra license class is starting and we will have the first session October 1, 2011 at 1PM at the K8QIK clubhouse. It will last about 2 hours and we will discuss future meeting times then. I recommend the large ARRL study manual and the Texas Instruments TI-30 II calculator (~\$15 at Office Max). Bring paper, pencil and a high-lighter marking pen.

Two Lancaster men passed the Tech licence test in September. Another is starting to study for the Tech test.

Regards,

Allen

YOU MIGHT BE A HAM IF.....

- 1. YOUR WIFE SAID "LETS GO SEE AUNT ANNA" AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID ANTENNA!**
- 2. YOUR WIFE SAID "COULD YOU CUT THE GRASS?" AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID POUND THE BRASS!**
- 3. YOUR WIFE SAID "WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO BREAKFAST" AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID HAM FEST!**
- 4. YOUR WIFE SAID "SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE CHECK BOOK" AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID LOG BOOK!**
- 5. YOUR WIFE SAID "IS MY SEAM STRAIGHT?" AND YOU THOUGHT SHE SAID, " IS MY BEAM STRAIGHT?"**

You might be hard of hearing too!!



**WHO IS THE MOST DANGEROUS PERSON IN THE WORLD?
A HAM WITH AN IDEA, SOME WIRE.... AND A BOW AND
ARROW IN HIS HAND!**