



The Ragchewer

July 5, 2012

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.

Clubhouse Location:

P. O. Box 3
1611 Grandville Pike,
LANCASTER, OH 43130
Near Lancaster on State
Route 37 North (Granville
Pike) next to Beavers Field.
Across from campus Ohio
University-Lancaster Branch

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:

VE test sessions are no longer scheduled. Call Allen KB8JLG (740) 654 - 8167 for details/or to schedule one.

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

To find a convention or hamfest near you, click [here](#)

08/11/2012 Columbus Ohio Hamfest (*New Date*)
<http://www.aladdinshrine.com/hamfest.htm>

For other related info look further down

Special Event Stations

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

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July 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m. Rob, KD8DXC who lead the Pledge of Allegiance, called the monthly meeting to order. Rob introduced our guest, Ray Stebelton who is interested in learning more about ham radio.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the June meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Ray, W8FLX made a motion to accept minutes and seconded Stanley, KD8QVS. All in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 14 members in attendance

Allen	KB8JLG	Mark	KD8IMT
Charlie	N8KZN	Mary	KD8EEI
Dave	WB9PXH	Paul	KD8DDD
Gary	W8GTS	Ray	W8FLX
Jack	AE8P	Rob	KD8DXC
John	KD8EEK	Stanley	KD8QVS
John	K9ULO	Ralph	W8BVH
John	W8OF		

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

Charlie, N8KZN gave the treasurer's report in Ed's absence and Ray, W8FLX made a motion to approve, seconded by Allen, KB8JLG. All in favor

VP Report: Charlie Snoke, N8KZN

Mary, KD8EEI advised she sent an email on behalf of Charlie thanking all the workers for the July 4th parade. We really appreciated everyone coming out in the excessive heat.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

John has a few items that need to be updated, and he hopes to get the changes made soon.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen reported the general class is still meeting and there will be a test, Sat., July 7th for one person who wants to take the Technician test and if passes may want to take the General test.

Monday Night Net

July 9 John Rader, KD8PAF
July 16 John Rader, KD8PAF
July 23 John Dolske, K9ULO
July 30 John Dolske, K9ULO
Rob, KD8DXC will be available if needed.

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

Ralph asked members to submit any information to him for inclusion in Ragchewer.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

No report.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that the antennas have been installed for 147.030 and 146.70 repeaters and we thank Matt, KB8UVN for climbing the tower.

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

No report but Sandy, KD8FTX returned money that was not spent from Field Day allocation.

Old Business:

Charlie read list of people working Lancaster Festival and Tour De Cause.

New Business:

Ralph, W8BVH, made a motion to pay Matt, KB8UVN \$200 for climbing the tower to make antenna repairs. Seconded by Stanley, KD8QVS. All in favor.

Ralph, W8BVH, made a motion to make Matt, KB8UVN a lifetime member, seconded by Gary, W8GTS. All in favor. Mary, KD8EEI will get new lifetime membership card from Ed, WD8PGO and she will send letter to Matt. John, W8OF will inform Matt he has been accepted as a lifetime member.

John, W8OF made a motion for Mary, KD8EEI to spend \$30 to have 100 LFCARC new applications printed. Seconded by Charlie, N8KZN.

Mary read email from John, W8OF, where he proposed purchasing three pieces of non-working equipment (Yaesu FT-901DM, Yaesu FT-650 transverter, Kenwood TS520S) for \$225. There was a lot of discussion and a motion was made by Gary, W8GTS that the three items be offered to all members in the July Ragchewer. Anyone wishing to bid on these three items, please submit the bid to the Ragchewer editor at RAGCHEWER@SBCGLOBAL.NET. The editor will present the bids including John's at the August meeting. 6 voted yes, 5 voted no and 3 abstain. Motion carried.

John, K9ULO gave a report on Field Day. 92 contacts made on 20 meter and 90 contacts on 40 meter. John stated there are not enough members who come out to use the equipment for Field Day. We need to get some more members interested for next year's Field Day. Dave, WB9PXH and John, KD8PAF used our new equipment on Field Day.

Ralph, W8BVH made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by John, KD8EEK. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, *KD8EEI*
Secretary

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"Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to evaporate."

Albert Schweitzer  
(1875-1965)

Allen Sellers, KB8JLG, reports:

Dale Wilbur, N4RSP, from Florida, was transferred by the Veterans Administration to Chillicothe and is pretty active... thinking of starting a VE team in Circleville OH. Maria Wilbur, wife of Dale N4RSP, passed her tech class 7-7-2012. She took her test at the ham radio club in Lancaster, Ohio. The VE was great team and we thank them sincerely. Maria should have her call sign in a couple of weeks. I am very proud of Maria. Having a wife in the same hobby makes the gift giving easier....right?



VE Team left to right: Ron Braden, W8MY, Maria Wilbur, Allen Sellers KB8JLG, Jack Travis, AE8P

John, W8OF, has submitted to the club that he be allowed to purchase three pieces of ham gear, that are not being used, for \$225.00. They are in need of repair/reconditioning. After repair and realigned and bearing the cost of labor & parts, he would make the pieces of ham gear available to club members at a reasonable price. This was discussed and was decided that the purchase of these three pieces of ham gear would be made available to all **CLUB MEMBERS ONLY** to purchase. The highest offer would be accepted. **CLUB MEMBERS ONLY** may submit their bid to [ragchewer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ragchewer@sbcglobal.net). Ralph will bring them to the August meeting where the highest bidder's offer will be accepted. The pieces of radio equipment are: Yaesu FT-901DM transceiver, Yaesu FT-650 transverter and Kenwood TS520S transceiver.

Below you will find a rather interesting article about batteries. It is included here with permission of the author. Our thanks to Jack, AE8P for locating this article. Because the article is so long you are directed to the authors website:

<http://www.buchmann.ca/Article13-page1.asp>

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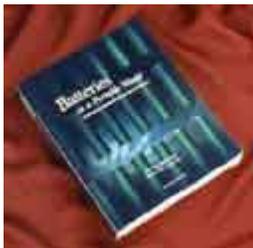
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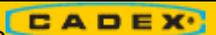
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Allen, KB8JLG, provided this snapshot of the back of our club house. Notice the nice walkway and steps going over the bank. This is a nice addition to making our building more accessible in foul weather.



### Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club Waverly, OH

website: [www.qsl.net/w8bap/SVARC.html/](http://www.qsl.net/w8bap/SVARC.html/)

Their newsletters:

[www.w8bapdstar.info/library/SVARC%20News/](http://www.w8bapdstar.info/library/SVARC%20News/)

I didn't want this to be the last thing in this issue but due to space management this is it. (editor)



**Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.  
John F. Kennedy**

**We hope that all of you had a pleasant 4<sup>th</sup> of July, even though it felt like Arizona in the summer. This is a great nation, even with our internal issues. Because we may from time to time have a difference of opinion, we are still Americans and as such are all brothers and sisters in this great country that our forefathers fought and died for. Our freedom is to be able to have a picnic, fly kites, play amateur radio, take a nap after a big lunch without fear from another person. Our freedom should not be taken for granted. Someone had to step up and be heard in order for things to happen. We often hope that we can step up with kindness and gentleness but sometimes we have to take the bull by the horns and flex our strength for the good of all. Fear is only the absence of "FAITH".**

**We hope that all of your celebrations were enjoyable. Thank you for being a club member and hope to see you soon as we do things together.**

**Editor.....**