



The Ragchewer

November 1, 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 the Ohio
University-Lancaster Branch
campus.

Nets:

Mondays at 9:00 p.m.
147.03 MHz (+.6)
146.70 MHz (-.6) Alt. Freq.

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](#)

Special Event Stations

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

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November 1, 2012 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m., in Rob's, KD8DXC absence, Charlie, N8KZN lead the Pledge of Allegiance and called the monthly meeting to order.

Isaac M Spantgler, KD8SYM application was passed for 2nd reading and Brent Ludwick, KD8MGR for 1st reading. Charlie welcomed our guest, Brent, KD8MGR.

John Hilliard swore in the following officers: Charlie Snoke, N8KZN, President; Mark White, KD8IMT, Vice President; Ed Campbell, WD8PGO, Treasurer; Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary. Sandy Snider, KD8FTX, Activities Director was absent and will be sworn in when she can attend meeting.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes for the October meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Ray, W8FLX made a motion to accept minutes and seconded David, WB9PXH. All in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 14 members in attendance and one guest: Brent Ludwick, KD8MGR.

Charlie	N8KZN	John	W8OF
Connie	N8LPC	Mark	KD8IMT
Dave	WB9PXH	Mary	KD8EEI
Ed	W8PGO	Paul	KD8DDD
Gary	W8GTS	Ray	W8FLX
George	KB8USP	Robert	KC8PSW
John	KD8EEK	Wayne	KD8MGO

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report and a motion made by Ray, W8FLX and seconded by John, W8OF to approve treasurer's report. All in favor.

VP Report: Mark White, KD8IMT

Mark received an idea for club activity which was passed around and will be discussed at another meeting. It will be called the **WAM award** (worked all members).

Club members make contact with other club members on any band using any frequency. Repeater contacts will not qualify.

Contact 25 members using CW or digital. (psk, etc) or 35 members using voice or 40 members using mixed mode will qualify for a certificate suitable for display in the shack. The first member contacting 50% of the total membership regardless of mode will qualify for a trophy. Contacts must be confirmed by a QSL or email noting date, time, frequency and mode. Members may report the number of contacts they have made up to date at any meeting to create some competition.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that application for station license was sent on October 25th to VEC office in Newton, CT. Since John does not know what hurricane Sandy will do to mail, he will follow up and if they do not receive the application, he will send another copy to them.

John has ordered a new decoder at a cost of \$96.25. George, KB8USP made motion for purchase of decoder and other items needed at a cost of \$96.25, seconded by Ray, W8FLX, all in favor.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

Mary read email from John with the 2013 calendar and asked members to review and make any changes after the meeting. John also reported via email that he had updated the For Sale page on the website.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Mark, KD8IMT reported that Allen is planning on having a CW class in spring.

Monday Night Net

Nov. 5th	John Rader, KD8PAF
Nov. 12th	John Lawson, W8AGS
Nov. 19th	John Rader, KD8PAF
Nov. 26 th	John Dolske, K9ULO
Dec. 3 rd	John Lawson, AW8AGS

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed reported only 3 people at last meeting so it was decided that the next meeting would be Jan 15, 2013 at EMA office at 7 p.m.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

Reported under Trustee.

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

Sandy had sent notices for distribution of the Christmas Party, December 8th from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Golden Corral. Mary mentioned that anyone wanting to contribute items for the party can leave them at the clubhouse on Thursday radio night or bring to next meeting.

Charlie reported that we will resume food for Thursday radio nights beginning on November 8th.

Old Business:

Charlie reported that the house knob for electric was put back up.

New Business:

Charlie asked for show of hands of those who approve Isaac Spangler, KD8SYM application for membership. Everyone was in favor.

Charlie asked for volunteers for November 17th Holiday Parade: George, KB8USP and per message to Mary Rob, KD8DXC will work parade. Robert, KC8PSW reported he had submitted the application for entry in the parade and had not heard from anyone. Charlie and Ed will check on status and let Robert know when they have their pre-parade meeting.

Ray, W8FLX made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Robert KC8PSW. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, Secretary
KD8EEI

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+++ Logbook of the World +++

A few members have asked about Logbook of the World (LoTW) being inoperable. Here are the facts about this situation:

The department manager over Information Technology at HQ has confirmed that no data were lost. The problem is that storage capacity has been filled. Apparently, the fact that storage for LoTW was rapidly being filled due to the rapid expansion of data input into it was not caught in time to allow capacity to be expanded before the program shut down. Staff advised the directors that capacity is being added and that appropriate alarms are being built into the program to prevent this situation from happening in the future. LoTW should resume full operations essentially momentarily.

I apologize for the inconvenience this situation has caused.

73,
Jim

+++ To Ohio Members +++

It has come to my attention that a member in the Ohio Section has circulated an e-mail message regarding Volunteer Exam sessions in a manner that strongly suggests he is an official spokesman for ARRL. The fact is that he does not hold elected or appointed office of any form in the League.

If you received a message from "ARRL (callsign)@arrl.net," it did not come from ARRL. It was from a private individual who is concluded to have greatly overstated his position with ARRL. The contents of his message do not necessarily reflect the position of ARRL.

73,
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Waverly, OH

website: www.qsl.net/w8bap/SVARC.html/

newsletters: www.w8bapdstar.info/library/SVARC%20News



Morse Code Class

Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

I am planning a Morse code class later. I would like for those interested to contact me in the next *two weeks* to let me know so I can schedule the classes. As the class starts, I would like everyone ready with a code practice oscillator of some kind along with a straight key.



Special Event Operation

NRA's 141th Birthday
November 17, 2012

The Yavapai Amateur Radio Club will operate a special event station November 17, 2012, in celebration of the NRA's 141st birthday. The station will operate from the Gunsite Academy's 2,000-acre campus north of Prescott, AZ. The special event call sign will be K7NRA, an FCC-licensed amateur radio station. It will conduct operations on the following amateur frequencies from 1500Z to 2400Z. The event will operate on 7.250, 14.050, 14.250 and 21.335 MHz. A unique NRA/Gunsite certificate will be provided to those stations contacted during the event.

QSL to:

YARC,
PO Box 11994
Prescott, AZ 86304

For more information, contact: John Broughton, WB9VGJ
928-775-2259
wb9vgj@arrl.net

All amateur stations, especially those operated by NRA members and Gunsite alumni, are urged to participate.

Editor's note: This in celebration of the National Rifle Association. Not the National Relief Association



Good source for small, inexpensive kits

Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I have purchased kits from Rainbowkits.com LLC in the past and I did so again recently. They are very basic and inexpensive with outstanding service. I haven't built all the kits yet but I am happy with ones that are done.

The kits I ordered were 1- a water detector, 2- a fan controller, 3- a temperature controller, 4- a code practice oscillator, 5- a power supply regulator, 6- a sine wave oscillator.

I was tempted by the “Perfect Code Keyer”. At \$40 I thought it was too expensive to risk on a circuit that uses “stray electricity” in the air to operate the built-in paddles.

Their online address is – www.rainbowkits.com. I ordered by phone and used a credit card number in payment. The delivery was less than a week.

For Sale

Gel-Cel battery chargers

I have several used Belkin Residential Gateway Battery Backup units for sale at \$5 each. These were used to maintain telephone service during power outages for the AT&T U-Verse voice service. There is no gel-cel battery with the units as they were too old to salvage.

These are usable as A- a float charger for 12 volt, 7AH gel-cel batteries or B- a small 13.6 volt, 1 amp power supply. I have the user manual (not service manual) downloaded on a thumb drive. Any battery used with this must be connected to the battery leads and mounted externally as the original battery was a very small 3AH unit. The nice plastic case is 8”x8”x4”. There is a 120VAC power cord and a 12VDC output cord with a barrel connector.

Over the years I have purchased gel-cel batteries for use in emergencies but did not have a suitable charger. The result was that eventually I forgot to manually charge them and they became discharged to the point that they were ruined (below 10.5 VDC). These chargers can be connected to a gel-cel and left alone as they will automatically keep the battery safely charged.

Allen Sellers KB8JLG (740) 654 - 8167



October 2012 Donated Radios

Allen Sellers KB8JLG

John W8OF and I met at the clubhouse 13OCT12 to look at old radios that had been donated to the club. These are commercial VHF hand-helds that are more than 20 years old and their condition is unknown. They probably can be converted to operate in the 2M band. I “googled” the first two items and found information but did not look in detail at the particulars. These are available free, but one item per person. Contact Allen Sellers asellers1081@att.net -or- (740) 654 – 8167

First items

- Four (4) Motorola HT50 VHF handhelds, MN-H43BEU7120AN
- Three (3) Motorola Bat Chgr, MN-MTH4864A, 17vdc, .55A
- Three belt holsters

Second items

- Three (3) Motorola Radius SP50 VHF handhelds
- Three (3) Motorola Bat Chgr, MN-HTN9014A

- One (1) Nokia Wall wart, 12VDC, .2A
- One (1) Motorola Wall wart, 13VDC, .8A
- One (1) Motorola Wall wart, 3.7VDC, .35A

Third items

- Seven (7) Audio-Tronix I MN- PC1-150A VHF handhelds
- Seven (7) Yaesu YH-2 speaker/microphones, very bad condition
- One (1) Motorola Bat Chgr, MN-NTN4881B, 24VAC, .2A
- Four (4) Poonghan Bat Chgr, MN-PB1105, 11VDC, .05A

In view of the age of the handhelds, they are probably not worth the the cost to replace the batteries and make any repairs. They are probably one or two channel units with no provision for variable tuning. Better options might be FRS radios or the cheap Chinese 2M rigs available for about \$50.

November 17 & 18 Fort Wayne Hamfest

Allen Sellers KB8JLG

I like this hamfest very much. It is fairly large and is a two day event. The venue is indoor in a convention center, so its well lit and warm. It costs \$4 to park in addition to the hamfest entry fee. Even at this price it is better to leave for lunch and come back and pay the parking fee again (the convention center food booths aren't that good and are expensive).

Since this is a two day event people from Lancaster can arrive fairly late (10AM) and still see everything before closing at 4PM because most of the vendors are staying for the next day. The last time I attended it took four hours to see everything once. Four of us went together so the gas cost wasn't too bad and I was home by 7PM.



We all hope that Jack and Mary Travis had a wonderful Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration. That's a long time and they are still in good health. Great example for our young people contemplating marriage.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the [first "Veterans Day Proclamation"](#) which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."



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President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. From left: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent [a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs \(VA\)](#), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

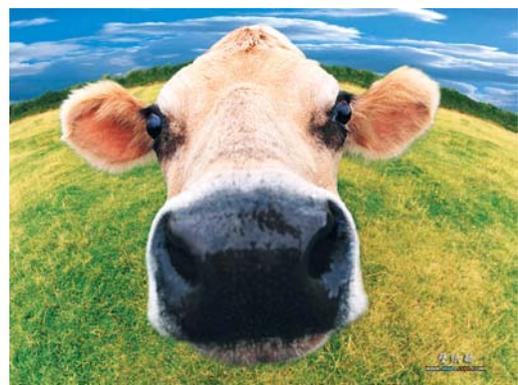
The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs - 810 Vermont Avenue, NW - Washington, DC 20420

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That's all for this month. We hope you enjoy the information and use some of it. Check our website often www.k8gik.org .Why not bring a friend to the next club meeting???



Till next month.....'73'