



The Ragchewer

February 7, 2013

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>

2012-2013 Officers

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John Hilliard, W8OF

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January 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes

At 7:25 p.m. Charlie, N8KZN called the monthly meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Paul Linkous, N8PHL application was passed around for 2nd reading and David Heston, KD8SVT application was passed for 1st reading.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the January meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. John, K9ULO made a motion to accept minutes and seconded by Allen, KB8JLG. All in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 22 members in attendance and two guests, Paul Linkous, N8PHL and Patrick O'Connell, KD8TXL.

Allen	KB8JLG	John	W8OF
Charlie	N8KZN	John	KD8EEK
Brent	KD8MGR	Larry	KD8AHK
Candy	KC8NQG	Mark	KD8IMT
Connie	N8LPC	Mary	KD8EEI
Dave	WB9PXH	Paul	KD8DDD
David	WD8LZK	Robert	KC8PSW
Don	WD8PCF	Scott	WD8IXO
Gary	W8GTS	Steve	KD8JLA
George	KB8USP	Wayne	KD8MGO
Jack	AE8P	William	KD8RNQ

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

George, KB8USP gave the treasurer's report in Ed's absence and motion made by Steve, KD8JLA and seconded by Robert, KC8PSW to approve treasurer's report. All in favor.

VP Report: Mark White, KD8IMT

Mark reported that American Legion is looking for amateur radio operators who are members. Mark also passed around the information that John, W8OF had sent out on possible issues with crackling noise in repeaters. Mark also reminded us of the Mansfield Ham Fest is on Feb. 17th.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that he had been approached about a possible 6-meter repeater. John stated that Ray Webb, KB8GUN had donated some 6-meter equipment to the club several years ago. The equipment could be used to hook up a 6-meter repeater to the UHF repeater. This would be a dual band repeater. After discussion, John, K9ULO made a motion to allow John up to \$250 to purchase the necessary items for the installation of the 6-meter repeater in connection with the 440. Brent, KD8MGR seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

John reported that he has the 2013 calendar on the website and if there are any additions, please send to him. He will also update the membership list once he receives a new listing.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen stated that due to the cost of gasoline, he no longer could teach classes or do testing for ARRL. He would like to find someone who was interested in doing this in the future. They would need to have an extra license. After discussion, a motion was made by John, K9ULO to pay Allen at the beginning of the classes his expenses and then he has the authority to divide and collect from students at the end of the session. That money would be returned to the club treasury. David, WD8LZK seconded. All in favor.

Monday Night Net

Feb. 11th	John Dolske, K9ULO
Feb. 18th	John Lawson, W8AGS
Feb. 25th	John Dolske, K9ULO
March 4th	John Lawson, W8AGS

David, WD8LZK volunteered to learn how to run the net. John Dolske will get with David and set him up for doing future nets.

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

John, K9ULO reported for Ed that the next ARES meeting will be in April.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

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

No report.

Old Business:

Charlie will work on finding a home for our trailer when weather gets better.

Gary, W8GTS stated he had Jack send email to all members, regarding the 30 items the committee had designated for sale. The items will be sold at the March meeting.

New Business:

Charlie asked for a show of hands of members who approved of accepting Paul Linkous, N8PHL as a member. All in favor.

Charlie said that a group got together and carried the old items out of the basement and took the trash to the dumpster. Charlie thanked those who helped with this project.

Charlie stated that the antenna check will be done at the Fire Stations in June. Steve, KD8JLA was asked to check with Jon Kochis to determine if there was a new fire chief at Stoutsville. An antenna will be installed at the new Hocking Township fire station on Rt. 22.

Charlie said that there will be no food will resume on Thursday, Feb. 14th at 6 p.m. Mary will send an email as a reminder to all members.

Allen, KB8JLG stated he will hold a Swap Meet on 1st Saturday in May from 8 to 10 a.m.

Gary, W8GTS attended a Logan club meeting and it was stated the they would like to link to a Lancaster repeater in order to increase coverage for both.

Robert, KC8PSW made a presentation of information he had obtained regarding getting magnetic signs and club logo from the following companies: The Sign Co. and Lancaster Sporting Goods that are located on Rt. 33 West. He also obtained pricing from Astrografx on N Columbus St. After much discussion, Don, WD8PCF made a motion to spend \$650 for two banners and four magnetic signs, seconded by John, K9ULO. Charlie asked for show of hands and all were in favor.

Gary, W8GTS made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary

Technician license Class

The details are -
First class is Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 7 PM and classes will last about 2 hours each. The duration will be about 10 weeks to cover all ten sections of the question pool. Location is the K8QIK clubhouse across from Ohio University - Lancaster. Cost is \$5 plus the license manual; recommended is the ARRL "big" book at about \$30. For further information and sign up, contact Allen Sellers, KB8JLG.
asellers1081@att.net (740) 6564 – 8167)

2013 Hamfests fairly close by us:

2-17	Mansfield
3-23	Gallipolis
4-20	Jackson County (<i><u>note this is a Saturday event and they have a new location</u></i>)
4-28	Athens
5-17=19	Dayton Hamvention

All of this information, and more, can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

INDIANA SPECIAL EVENT STATION

The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) will operate N9L - "November - Niner - Legion," as a special event station to commemorate the 94th Birthday of the nation's largest veterans organization headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In addition to operating SSB on 14.270 MHz, Central Indiana stations may contact N9L on 146.46 Simplex on Friday, March 15 between 10 am and 4 pm EDT and Saturday, **March 16,**

between 9 am and 4 pm EDT. For stations outside simplex range, N9L will also be available via IRLP Node 4816 (same hours).

A full color N9L certificate will be sent upon receipt of a 9x12 inch SASE to TALARC - The American Legion National HQS, 700 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Joe March, KJ9M
ARRL PIO, Indiana Section

FROM their SECTION MANAGER:

This is good stuff, Folks! It is something we all can have some fun With ! So, let's give it all the support we can. We wish N9L all the best on 20 Meters & 2 Metes (IRLP also), in making contacts in the U.S. and all over the world.

73

Lou Everett, Sr., WA5LOU
ARRL, Section Manager, Indiana Section

The Considerate Operator's Frequency Guide



The following frequencies are generally recognized for certain modes or activities (all frequencies are in MHz) during normal conditions. These are not regulations and occasionally a high level of activity, such as during a period of emergency response, DXpedition or contest, may result in stations operating outside these frequency ranges.

Nothing in the rules recognizes a net's, group's or any individual's special privilege to any specific frequency. Section 97.101(b) of the Rules states that "Each station licensee and each control operator must cooperate in selecting transmitting channels and in making the most effective use of the amateur service frequencies. No frequency will be assigned for the exclusive use of any station." No one "owns" a frequency.

It's good practice — and plain old common sense — for any operator, regardless of mode, to check to see if the frequency is in use prior to engaging operation. If you are there first, other operators should make an effort to protect you from interference to the extent possible, given that 100% interference-free operation is an unrealistic expectation on today's congested bands.

Frequencies	Modes/Activities	Frequencies	Modes/Activities
1.800-2.000	CW	14.230	SSTV
1.800-1.810	Digital Modes	14.285	QRP SSB calling frequency
1.810	CW QRP calling frequency	14.286	AM calling frequency
1.843-2.000	SSB, SSTV and other wideband modes	18.100-18.105	RTTY/Data
1.910	SSB QRP	18.105-18.110	Automatically controlled data stations
1.995-2.000	Experimental	18.110	IBP/NCDXF beacons
1.999-2.000	Beacons	21.060	QRP CW calling frequency
3.500-3.510	CW DX window	21.070-21.110	RTTY/Data
3.560	QRP CW calling frequency	21.090-21.100	Automatically controlled data stations
3.570-3.600	RTTY/Data	21.150	IBP/NCDXF beacons
3.585-3.600	Automatically controlled data stations	21.340	SSTV
3.590	RTTY/Data DX	21.385	QRP SSB calling frequency
3.790-3.800	DX window	24.920-24.925	RTTY/Data
3.845	SSTV	24.925-24.930	Automatically controlled data stations
3.885	AM calling frequency	24.930	IBP/NCDXF beacons
3.985	QRP SSB calling frequency	28.060	QRP CW calling frequency
7.030	QRP CW calling frequency	28.070-28.120	RTTY/Data
7.040	RTTY/Data DX	28.120-28.189	Automatically controlled data stations
7.070-7.125	RTTY/Data	28.190-28.225	Beacons
7.100-7.105	Automatically controlled data stations	28.200	IBP/NCDXF beacons
7.171	SSTV	28.385	QRP SSB calling frequency
7.285	QRP SSB calling frequency	28.680	SSTV
7.290	AM calling frequency	29.000-29.200	AM
10.130-10.140	RTTY/Data	29.300-29.510	Satellite downlinks
10.140-10.150	Automatically controlled data stations	29.520-29.580	Repeater inputs
14.060	QRP CW calling frequency	29.600	FM simplex
14.070-14.095	RTTY/Data	29.620-29.680	Repeater outputs
14.095-14.0995	Automatically controlled data stations		
14.100	IBP/NCDXF beacons		
14.1005-14.112	Automatically controlled data stations		

ARRL band plans for frequencies above 28.300 MHz are shown in *The ARRL Repeater Directory* and on www.arrl.org.

FOR SALE

I have a basic tower for sale. I must sale it since we are moving back to Florida and I don't want to transport it. It is 30 foot, it is painted green, (looks pretty good and not as noticeable, it was this color when I got it) and I have never put it up, so it is down.

I have \$130.00 in it would be willing to trade for something smaller or sale for reasonable offer.

Please contact me at :

N4RSP-DALE WILBUR , CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO-- PHONE 813-323-6027

Kenwood TS830-S

Almost complete Kenwood HF station. This outfit is very nice and will make someone an exceptional setup. Below is what is included. I forgot to take pictures of all the pieces when I had it all unpacked but will unpack them if needed.

- 1- TS830-s transceiver
- 2- VFO-230 external vfo
- 3- SM-220 station monitor
- 4- SP-230 matching speaker
- 5- MC-50 desk microphone
- 6- PCA-1A phone patch, new in the box

I have the original box for the transceiver and the station monitor. They all look very clean and non smoking and NO modifications that I'm aware of. I have the manuals for all of these items. The transceiver was checked at an authorized Kenwood service center about 8 months ago and all aligned and on proper frequency. I used it to make some contacts w/ good success then put them in their boxes. Thought I would set it up after I got my new room added on but health issues have slowed me down so better get it to someone who will use it and have a lot of fun. \$1200.00.

You may contact me at w8bvh@sbcglobal.net or 740-746-8699 (cell)

Ralph Howes
W8BVH

That's all folks.....