

The RAGCHEWER

May 2, 2013 Issue





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

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May 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m. Charlie, N8KZN called the monthly meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patrick O'Connell, KD8TXI application was passed for 1st reading and 2nd reading Greg Dersarkisian, KD8SSJ.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the April meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. John, K9ULO made a motion to accept minutes and seconded by Mike, WD8EBS. All in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 23 members in attendance and no guests.

Brent	KD8MGR	John	K9ULO
Charlie	N8KZN	Marie	KB8VOL
Dave	WB9PXH	Mark	KD8IMT
David	KB8DRQ	Mary	KD8EEI
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John	W8OF	Wayne	KD8MGO
John	W8AGS	William	KD8RNQ
John	KD8EEK		

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report and motion made by Ray, W8FLX and seconded by John, W8AGS to approve treasurer's report. All in favor.

VP Report: Mark White, KD8IMT

Mark reported that 2013 Field Day set up time was changed to start setting up at 0000UTC on Friday (8:00 PM EDT, 7:00 PM CDT, 6:00 PM MDT, 5:00 PDT Thursday). Groups may begin setup, stop for the night, and return the next day. However, remember that you only have a cumulative total of 24 hours within the 42-hour "setup window" to finish your setup.

Also reported the Tour De Cause would be July 12 and 13 this year, Ed, WD8PGO will check to see if they want the club to do communications.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

Currently I have a remote site built up to place at Firehouse #1 200' tower in downtown Lancaster. I will be also installing one at Fairfield Medical Center. Both should be operational by mid-summer. As the fall time permits we will work with Ed to determine if and what other sites we may install a remote site.

John reported he would be working on repairing the antennas on waterworks hill. Matt will climb the tower again. May need to purchase some new antennas but will not know until they get current antennas down from tower. Ray, W8FLX made motion to allow John, W8OF a maximum of \$500 to spend on items that may be required to repair or replace antennas as needed, once they access the current equipment. Seconded by Tom, KB8USK. All in favor.

John also reported that he had a couple of used computers with windows XP that were donated by Mary, KD8EEI from Ohio Glass Museum. If there is anyone who would like to set these up for the clubhouse, please contact John.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

John reported has some items to update for the website.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

Allen called and left report with Mary, KD8EEI. Tech class will finish up in about two weeks. Started with 10 and is down to 2 or 3. He has administered two tests to Perry County residents and they passed with 1 Technician and 1 General. Another test administered to Pickerington resident and he passed technician test.

Allen wanted to remind everyone of the swap meet on Saturday at 8 a.m. at the clubhouse.

Monday Night Net

May 6th	Brent Ludwick, KD8MGR, Newline by John, W8AGS
May 13th	John Dolske, K9ULO
May 20th	John Lawson, W8AGS
May 27th	John Dolske, K9ULO

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

Ralph reported he would have lots of material for the May Ragchewer. If you have anything of interest, please send your articles to Ralph for inclusion in future Ragchewers.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed reported there will be a Hazmat mock disaster on May 30th. Mary, KD8EEI was the only volunteer. Anyone wishing to participate, please contact Ed.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

Absent, no report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

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

In Connie's absence Charlie, N8KZN reported they would need \$110 for food for field day. John, K9ULO made motion to allocate \$110 for Field Day, seconded by Steve, KD8JLA. All in favor.

Old Business:

Gary, W8GTS reported that he spoke with Bill Parker and gave him the dates in July and he picked July 11th at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse to do a presentation on LED lights. He will give away one 9 LED flashlight. We will announce on repeater when it gets close to that date since it will be open to anyone interested in attending – do not need to be a member. Bill will bring laptop and projector and we will provide screen.

New Business:

Charlie asked for a show of hands of members who approved accepting Greg DerSarkisian as a member. All in favor.

There was discussion on whether we should mail Ragchewer to members who did not have email. John, W8OF made a motion that Ragchewer would be mailed by the Ragchewer editor (as long as person serving in this capacity was willing to do the mailings) to those who wanted to receive and did not have email. Seconded by

Tom, KB8USK. All but one was in favor.

Ed, WD8PGO reported the tax person requested that he use QuickBooks instead of Quicken for files, which need to be prepared for IRS filing each year. Mary, KD8EEI had done some research on prices and it will cost between \$279 and \$350 to purchase 2013 edition for non-profit. John, W8OF made motion to approve expenditure of Maximum of \$350 to purchase the software needed. Seconded by Fred, W8FZ. All in favor.

Charlie, N8KZN read an email from Ken Yost regarding a tower his father had and wondered if anyone in the club would be interested in having the tower and antenna. John, W8OF will ask for location and then advise the members of location and see if anyone is interested.

Ray, W8FLX made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Travis, KD8EEI,
Secretary



ARRL SECTION NEWS



OHIO ARES UPDATES

(as compiled from W8DEC's "Ohio SEC Notes and Stuff")

The ARES Forum as Dayton Hamvention is confirmed for SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2013 at 10:30AM in Room 3. I have two open seats on the EMCOMM Panel. Currently, I have Eastern Massachusetts SEC Rob Macedo KD1CY and ARRL Emergency Preparedness Assistant Ken Bailey K1FUG. If you're interested in being on the EMCOMM Panel for the ARES Forum at Dayton Hamvention, please contact me directly at w8dec@arrl.net.

The All Ohio ARES Conference has been confirmed for SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013 at the Ohio Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg, OH. Please make note of the date change. Conference planning is still underway. Please consider this announcement as a second call for speakers and presenters. Anyone interested in presenting at the conference is asked to please contact me at w8dec@arrl.net with your presentation topic. I have received one topic so far and it definitely fits the bill. This conference is open to all past, present, and future amateur radio volunteers. Last year, there were 105 participants in attendance. There was an emcomm vehicle display, license examination, and one of the largest go box displays I have ever seen! If you're working on a go-box or communications trailer, make November 9 your target date for debut!

Plans are underway to activate the Ohio Digital Emergency Net (OHDEN) for Field Day this year. One of the purposes of activation is to help move Field Day NTS Messages for the Section Manager or Section Emergency Coordinator (FD Rule 7.3.5). OHDEN Manager Gary NJ8BB tells me he is actively seeking Net Control Stations. Anyone interested in being a Net Control Station for OHDEN on Field Day is asked to contact Gary NJ8BB at nj8bb@ohden.org.

NOTES FROM THE SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER

First things first, I want to congratulate Dick, N8CJS who this month has been elected the new net manager for the Ohio Single Sideband Net. Dick's stepping up from assistant manager to take a leadership role for one of the premier traffic nets in the National Traffic System. Wish him well and support him and the OSSBN so we can continue to make the Ohio section a proud part of the National Traffic System. Generate some traffic by sending Dick a congratulatory radiogram. I also want to thank Don WB8SIQ as the outgoing net manager for his years of service to the OSSBN.

This OSSBN meets three times a day 365 days a year on 3972.5 kHz and has never ever been overloaded or unable to handle the quantity of traffic that has been brought to the net. This net is always on the top of the scoring for the annual SET exercise. The OSSBN along with the Buckeye CW nets move traffic in and out of all corners of the state of Ohio and its members are prominent supporters of the regional Eighth Region net and liaison to the Eastern area net. The four Ohio digital relay stations are all members of the OSSBN. Many of the OSSBN members are also ARES members in their own areas.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank George WB8HHZ for his support of the National Traffic System. George has been a long time member of the Ohio ARRL cabinet, an ARES member, a District Emergency Coordinator in Northwest Ohio and a retired firefighter. George has informed us that he will be moving to Florida shortly to live and will be continuing his ham radio operation from Florida.

Don't forget that the Dayton Hamvention is next month and that the Great Lakes ARRL Convention is planned for the Columbus hamfest in August. More detail on the great Lakes Convention as they become available.

Last month I wrote about tornados because it was the start of the severe weather season. But if you are caught in a severe weather situation or a major disaster will you be ready to protect yourself, your family and help your neighbors survive. This month I would like to give some suggestions for you to accomplish all three of these situations and still be able to respond with your radio to the relief effort if needed.

I have always believed that when a major disaster strikes and the entire community is affected that it will be the individuals and neighbors that will have to work to pull each other through. If you look at the Katrina hurricane situation, the Sandy super storm situation or any major disaster where there is a lot of destruction there is a valuable lesson to be learned. Regardless of how well trained local responders such as fire departments, police departments, EMT's, military personnel and even members of the local Red Cross are they are likely to be stuck in the results of the disaster just like you and I are. Their own communication systems may be down, their facilities may be destroyed and their families and their homes may be in danger, hurt or damaged. It will take time for them to reach everyone in a disaster area.

During the short period immediately following a disaster, usually 72 hours or more it is up to individuals to do the best they can do to fend for themselves. If the disaster is wide spread like Katrina or the Sandy super storm it may takes weeks before help will arrive. This is where some advance planning comes in to play and where having the forethought to get to know your neighbors ahead of time will reap benefits when it comes to digging out from the disaster at hand. It is important to get to know your neighbors and form a community disaster plan for your immediate neighborhood.

I would suggest that your consider amount other things what steps you will take if caught in a disaster to help your family and neighbors survive. Here are some basic suggestions for the immediate time period after a disaster hits. More information is available from the links below and by searching the internet.

You will want to make sure you and your family members are safe and unhurt. This will include any pets that you may have because they will be important to your family's recovery. If they are injured you will want to care for their injuries and pay immediate attention to any bleeding or breathing problems. This is where that stash of

medical supplies called a family first aid kit comes in handy that you were supposed to have in preparation for an emergency.

If your home is damaged you will need to assess the damages and determine if it is safe to use as shelter. Turn off the gas and electric to prevent the disrupted utilities from causing a fire or explosion if your home is severely damaged. If you hear the sound of gas escaping or smell natural gas evacuate the area immediately and seek a safe place away from the natural gas smell for safety from an explosion or fire.

Everyone in your household should know where to shut off the water, gas and electric in case of an emergency. You should shut off the water to conserve the water that may be in your home. Water will be hard to find in a disaster and shutting off the main will keep contaminated water from a cracked or broken water line from entering your home. This will keep the water from your hot water heater or toilet tanks from being drained by the effects of gravity or contamination and give you a source of water until you community supply line is found to once again be safe to use. If you have bottled water as some home do, don't forget to conserve it too.

It is imperative that you and your family keep and stay warm and dry. Conditions can change rapidly during a storm or disaster. Rain often falls during or after a disaster. Locate as much dry clothing as you can find and put it on. If you get too warm in the summer you can always take it off but remember the nights are often colder so it is important that you have this dry clothing available. If you can find your work boots or heavy sturdy shoes you should wear them because debris could be everywhere. Even a pair of heavy canvas clothes will come in handy if you have them. Remember it is not how stylish you look during a disaster but how warm and dry you are that matters.

If you need assistance from emergency personnel call them and advise them of where you are, what you need and what your situation is. If this is not a wide spread disaster your call may be the first one from your community that alerts them of the disaster. If communication lines are open use your telephone or cell phone to call your contact persons to advise them of your situation. If you have preplanned a communication plan and all members of your family follow the plan your contact person will be able to advise each family member of the location and condition of each of the family members. If commercial lines of communications are not open go to your ham radio ARES or emergency net frequency and try to contact someone using your hand held radio.

If your home is damaged and you have to evacuate place a sign on the front of the house or in the front yard to show your condition. If you are OK and can remain in the home place the sign that says OK. If you are not OK and need assistance place a sign out that says help. This will quickly aid neighbors and rescue personnel when they arrive to know of your situation and either provide help or move on to a neighbor who needs their help.

Once you have checked your immediate family to make sure they are safe and if possible turn your attention to your neighbors. If you need shelter they may be able to provide it and if they need shelter you may be able to provide it. Working together is better than struggling alone. If you are able join your neighbors in their efforts to help anyone in the community that needs immediate assistance. Check your neighbors to see if they need help turning off their utilities if it is necessary. Be mindful of the most vulnerable members of your community; those families with elderly or disabled members who will probably need your assistance. If they are hurt you may be able to offer them first aid. If they are in danger or you smell gas help move them to a safe area.

If you are not in the affected area of a disaster in your community or neighboring communities go to your preplanned ham radio emergency frequency or ARES net and make yourself available to assist. Above all, DO NOT self-deploy to the emergency area as this will only cause problems for you and the emergency personnel trying to assist. You could be shot or accused of being one of the looters who always seem ready to show up at a disaster with self-gain in mind.

Here are some websites with more detailed information on family emergency plans and don't forget you can always search the web for information.

Center for Disease Control Family Emergency Plan:

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness/plan/>

Red Cross Family Emergency Plan

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family>

FEMA Emergency Plan

<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

Disability Rights Ohio

<http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/topic-emergency-planning>

Ohio Department of Public Safety:

<http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov/links/hsy0001.pdf>

73,

David Maynard, WA3EZN

ARRL Ohio Section Traffic Manager

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FROM THE SECTION MANAGER'S DESK...

April has been a roller coaster of emotions. My thoughts and prayers go out to John Lehman, K8PJ on the sudden death of his only son, who was murdered while working at a McDonald's in Akron. Later reports indicate they caught the suspect, and we find that John's son's selfless act might have saved many lives.

The events during the Boston Marathon this past week have stirred many emotions. From an Amateur Radio volunteer standpoint, we must now understand why we need to stay on top of ICS training. One never knows when a Marathon, Bike Tour, 5K Run will turn into an Incident Command scenario. I encourage all ARES leaders and volunteers to take advantage of this free training from FEMA.

On the brighter side of this past month, I have been making the Hamfest scene around Ohio. We have had ARRL tables at the Cuyahoga Falls ARC Hamfest, and just this past weekend in Jackson County for the Jackson ARC Hamfest. Both Hamfests were great events, and I enjoyed visiting and speaking with everyone who came by (and I got some neat buys at both events!). Next weekend I'll be in Athens, along with several other members of the Ohio Section Cabinet. Stop by and spend some time with us!

This is the last Section News before the Dayton Hamvention. It's amazing how time is flying by. Once again the Ohio Section will be hosting a booth in the ARRL Expo area. Please stop by and visit us!

Until next time, be safe my friends...

73,

Frank Piper, KI8GW

ARRL Ohio Section Manager

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+++ Attack on ARRL.net +++

May 2: There has been a Denial of Service (DoS) attack on a provider that supports ARRL.net. Although the attack has been mitigated, it still is affecting the server that feeds the MX (address) records for arrl.net e-mail addresses. This issue is intermittent but is impacting the delivery of in-bound mail to both HQ and arrl.net e-mail addresses.

The network system that suffered the attack is working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

If you have sent an e-mail over the last two days that has not received a response, you may wish to follow-up with the addressee

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+++ Armed Forces Day Crossband Test May 11 +++

From ARRL: "In celebration of the 63rd anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD), the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual Military/Amateur Radio Crossband Communications Test. Although Armed Forces Day is traditionally celebrated on the third Saturday in May -- May 18 in 2013 -- the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted on May 11 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention, scheduled for May 17-19.

"The annual celebration features traditional military-to-amateur crossband communications SSB voice and Morse code tests. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and short wave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and to receive recognition from the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise. QSL cards will be provided to stations making contact with the military stations. "Military-to-amateur crossband operations will take place on the dates and time in UTC on the frequencies listed for the Army, Air Force and Navy/Marine Corps and Coast Guard MARS stations. Voice contacts will include operations in single sideband voice (SSB); some stations will use CW to provide the opportunity to check in by Morse code. Depending on propagation and staffing, some stations may not operate the entire period. Participating military stations will transmit on selected military MARS frequencies and listen for amateur Radio stations in the amateur bands. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes. The annual Secretary of Defense message will be transmitted via digital modes, including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31, MFSK and MT63 from certain stations.

"Check the MARS Armed Forces Crossband Test website at <http://www.usarmymars.org/home/announcements> for schedules and frequencies of participating military stations, including a list of stations that will be transmitting the annual Secretary of Defense message. Instructions on how to copy and submit the message are also included."



ORIGINS OF VOICE NUMBERS LIKE NINER

When voice communications were being used to supplement morse code communications, the number five was being confused with the number nine, especially under adverse receiving conditions, so the military adapted a number system for voice which was: zero one two tree fower fife six seven eight niner. Sometimes fiver was used to force the intelligibility.

In the days of cord switchboards the operators would pronounce nine as 'niyen' for the same reason.

From other sources: Also from the Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language: zero wun too tree fower fife six seven ait niner From the Atlantic City ITU convention of 1947 the recommended number series for voice communications

Nada zero NAH-DAH- ZAY-ROH

Una one OO-NAH- WUN

Bisso two BEES-SOH- TOO

Terra three TAY-RAH- TREE

Karte four KAR-TAY- FOWER

Panta five PAN-TAH- FIVE

Soxi six SOK-SEE- SIX

Sette seven SAY-TAY- SEVEN

Okto eight OK-TOH- AIT

Nove nine NO-VAY- NINER

ORIGIN OF FIST

The early spark transmitters showered the operator with sparks - so Marconi's key lever was lengthened and the padded end was beaten with the 'fist' of the operator to send dots and dashes.

ORIGIN OF MAYDAY; Opinions From The Internet

Why do ships and aircraft in trouble use "mayday" as their call for help? This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning "help me" - and is pronounced "mayday." (Note: not exactly.... it's pronounced "med-ay", but close enough)



WHY DO HAMS ABBREVIATE EVERYTHING

Telegraphers and Morse Operators abbreviate extensively due to the low throughput of Morse code, this has carried over to the voice circuits as well. 73 OM's es YL's de AC6V

Origin Of RG AS IN RG-58 COAX CABLE

RG means, "radio guide" and was the original military specification for coax cable, starting in the 1930s. So what do all the numbers mean? RG-6, RG-8, RG-58, RG-59, RG-62, RG-122, RG-213, RG-405 and on and on?

The number is just a page in a book. RG-1 was the first page (and obviously wasn't a very successful cable design). RG-6, the sixth page, was wildly successful. Most CATV/broadband cable these days are RG-6.

Why Hams End A QSO With Dit Dit

In ye olden days, every time a train left the station, it would sound two short blasts from its whistle, warning everyone it was moving out. The old telegraph operators having been exposed to this practice, picked it up and would send two dits at the end of each telegraph message. This meant "GOODBYE". So ham radio CW operators adopted the practice. It is still used worldwide today.

ERIC, K1NUN writes, "When I was first licensed in the early 1960s, we ended our CW conversations with di dididi di (Shave and a haircut) to which the other station would reply di di (two bits). Then station 2 sent di dididi di and the first would reply di di. Sometimes, and particularly among us young teenagers, this reparte might continue for several minutes. Over time, this back and forth terminal handshake shortened just to di di. Also, about that time, sometimes instead of calling CQ, one would just go di dididi di over and over on a frequency (remember, we were crystal controlled in the novice bands) while tuning the receiver, listening for anyone who sent a synchronized di di. After enough back and forth to ensure proper synchronicity, one of the stations would send QRZ? (with the question mark so as to really ask who is calling me). Thus, dit dit also began a QSO in some cases. Fortunately, this custom died within a very few years as the rules changed and more of us could use transceivers that put us right on frequency and we did not have to tune around and search for responders And that's my story and I lived it.

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You are encouraged to research these articles on your own....

ARRL Celebrates 100 Years in 2014

Founded in 1914, ARRL is the national association for Amateur Radio in the USA. Today, with more than 160,000 members, the ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the world.

Join ARRL in celebrating 100 years of "Advancing the Art and Science of Radio."



Activities in and around the “Club”



Just after the last issue of the Ragchewer, Gary, W8GTX, purchased a 100' tower locally. He made arrangements to have it disassembled and transported to his home in Hocking County. He was kind enough to share some of the pictures he took of the process. Quite an undertaking but with the right equipment and know how, you can get er done..... Thanks for the photo's Gary. I suppose you are going to get Sandy, KD8FTX, to set the concrete base and get it erected. ha-ha



On April 26th, John, W8OF, club Trustee and Engineer received help from Charlie, N8KZN

and Robert, KC8PSW to put on a new roof at the repeater site on Waterworks Hill. It just goes to show you that when a few help the workload is not nearly so heavy. Thanks to all of you for keeping our property protected from the environment. It looks like a very nice installation.



Finished job.....
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Join us at ARRL Field Day!

Saturday & Sunday • June 22-23, 2013
K8QIK location at the LFCARC Clubhouse
Club picnic Saturday, June 22 at 6:00pm

[MORE INFO](#)

Club members and their families are invited to a cookout at the LFCARC clubhouse on June 22, 2013.

- *Charlie will be manning the grill, cooking hamburgers and hot dogs.*

- *Bring one or two of your favorite dishes for everyone to enjoy.*

- *You may bring your own beverages or pop may be purchased in the clubhouse.*

- *We will be eating at 6:00 pm, so bring your lawn chairs and come to enjoy the evening.*

Hope to see you there!

For additional information, contact:

Sandy Snider KD8FTX 740-569-4732

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There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers....**What does he weigh?**

Answer at the end of this issue.

Don't forget that the Dayton Hamvention is just around the corner. If you have not attended before, it would be a large hamvention to consider attending. Here is the info to get more information...

In less than 10 days, the 2013 edition of the Dayton Hamvention® will be in full swing! This 3-day event , being held May 17, 18, and 19 at the Hara Arena in Trotwood is THE event Hams in the Ohio Section, and all around the world plan their Amateur Radio year around.

There are a few items that I want to bring to everyone's attention, while you are at the event:

- The ARRL EXPO will be in the Ballarena Hall, with many informative booths, including the Field Service Organization booth, hosted by me and the rest of the Ohio Section cabinet. Be sure to stop by and say hello! Attendance schedule will be posted at the booth.
- The ARRL Member Forum, hosted by ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 9:15am in Forum Room 5.
- Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator Matt Welch, W8DEC will be hosting the Amateur Radio Emergency Service forum on Sunday, May 19, at 10:30am. The forum location will be in Forum Room 3.
- A Laurel VEC team will be giving free Amateur Radio exams on Friday and Saturday. For information, visit <http://www.hamvention.org/exams.php>
- The Department of Homeland Security will be hosting an AUXCOMM class in conjunction with Hamvention®. Prerequisites and preregistration is required. Visit the main page of <http://www.hamvention.org> for more information.
- Gary Hollenbaugh, NJ8BB will be organizing an Emergency Communications Trailer display. The display is located outside the fenced area of the flea market on the north west side of the property where the buses pick up and drop off, giving everyone ample opportunity to view the units as they arrive and depart the facility. For more information, visit <http://www.kd8arb.com/daytonecommdisplay>

There are many more forums, demonstrations, vendors, and food (I can smell the burgers already!) that will keep you occupied all weekend! If you've never been to Dayton, you owe it to yourself to make the trek. As they say, "If you can't find it at Dayton, it doesn't exist!"

For all the information you need, visit <http://www.hamvention.org>

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73, Frank KI8GW



Well that's about all for this month. Hope you get some use out of the articles and have been inspired to participate more in all of the club activities. May you all have a great beginning of summer and don't forget to give your favorite person a big hug and tell them that you love them!!!!!!

Answer to the butcher question: "Meat"



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