



Remember, Slow Down. Stay Alert!

School is back in session. Let us be more mindful of the children going and coming from school. Don't forget to take your charged hand-held, just in case of an emergency.

The Ragchewer

August 7, 2014





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.

Repeater:

**53.09 MHz (-1) - pl 71.9 Hz –
(Linked to 443.875 MHz)**

Repeater:

**147.03 MHz (+) - pl 71.9 Hz
146.70 MHz (-) - pl 94.8 Hz
443.875 MHz (+5) - pl 71.9 Hz**

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 TESTING

VE testing sessions will be scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM at the club house. Call Robert - KC8PSW at (614) 323-1901 or email him at northrup@columbus.rr.com for information or to schedule your test. Please review testing requirements at www.k8qik.org before scheduling your exam.

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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August 7, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

Charlie, N8KZN asks for visitors to be recognized. Karl Wilson, N2AFV from Zanesville was introduced and he just filled out a club application which is being sent around for a first time reading.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI (*Filling in for Mary is Kevin Numbers, KC8MTV*)

Minutes of the July meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Ray, W8FLX made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by John, K9ULO. All were in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 19 members in attendance with 1 guest in attendance.

Brent	KD8MGR	John	W8OF
Chad	KD8UHT	John	KD8EEK
Charlie	N8KZN	Kevin	KC8MTV
Dave	WB9PXH	Mike	WN8L
Dennis	KB8WR	Paul	KB8CMW
Ed	WD8PGO	Ray	W8FLX
Gary	W8GTS	Ray	KD8WHY
Greg	KD8SSJ	Robert	KC8PSW
Jim	KB8TRL	Steve	KD8JLA
John	K9ULO		

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

Ed gave treasurer's report and a discussion was started about a flower bill that Ed, WD8PGO, received. Ray, W8FLX, made a quick motion to accept, Charlie, N8KZN, first presented a question as to how the flower bill was handled in the past. John, W8OF, inquired about the "flower fund" and Charlie, N8KZN and Ed, WD8PGO both replied saying the "flower fund" had been done away with. John, W8OF, then made a motion to pay the flower bill. Ed, WD8PGO, then asked the question if there was a "max" limit on the monies used for flower bills. Gary, W8GTS stated that he thought it was a \$50 limit, Charlie, N8KZN then asked for a motion to pay the flower bill, John, W8OF originally made the motion and Mike, WN8C seconded. Charlie, N8KZN reiterated that the flowers were for SK Jim Gaffney, N8JEG. Charlie then asked for a vote on the motions made by John, W8OF and Mike, WN8C. All were in favor.

VP Report: Paul Flautt, KB8CMW

No report

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that everything was going smooth and that he really didn't have anything to report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

John reported that he had some things backed up and that he was hoping to get to them in the next week or so. He also stated that he brought in a copy of the Field Day report that he had sent in. He reported that the club came up with the following on the report:

20 CW QSO's

180 Phone QSO's

The club finished with about 1260 points total.

John, K9ULO also expressed his concern for next year's Field Day and trying to get more people to participate. He shared that Brent, KD8MGR made the first 6mtr contact at this year's Field Day. Charlie, N8KZN thanked those that participated in this year's Field Day

Chairman Educational Committee: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Robert, KC8PSW stated that the July report for testing was that 3 people were tested and passed:

Brent, KD8MGR - Extra

Patrick O'Neil – Extra

Charles Lock, KD8RQA - General

Robert also reported that he has been working on information pertaining to the VEC portion of the club. He stated that there is now something that the FCC & ARRL have come out with that permits partial credit for expired General, Advanced or Extra class licenses. He stated that you can come back and take a Technician level test, the 35 question test, and then upon passing, have your licenses reinstated. Robert also shared what was required to bring to a testing session. This is information that he obtained from the ARRL website: Legal Photo I.D., i.e. driver's license or passport, if no Photo I.D. is available then a birth certificate, social security card and utility bill showing that you live at a particular address.

The next testing session is scheduled for *August 21st @ 6:00 p.m.*

Robert, KC8PSW will not be present at this testing session but will make arraignments to have a VEC and other people available to conduct the test.

Robert then shared information about The Laurel VEC testing group which offers free testing due to the large membership of the group, he stated that Universal Radio is involved and that's why they can offer free testing. He stated that he would find out more information about this group and present it at the September club meeting.

Monday Night Net

Charlie, N8KZN asked for volunteer's to cover the Monday Night Net. John, K9ULO volunteer's for 2 dates, and after a long pause, there are no other volunteer's, leaving 2 net's *not covered.*

August 11th - "NO VOLUNTEER"

August 18th – John, K9ULO (Newslines & the net)

August 25th - "NO VOLUNTEER"

September 1st – John, K9ULO (Newslines & the net)

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

Charlie, N8KZN expressed how well last month's Ragchewer looked, especially with all of the pictures added.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed, WD8PGO stated that the club received a letter from the Alzheimer's Association thanking the club and also from the Tour de Cause thanking the club for their time.

Ed also mentioned the Sweet Corn Festival and that he has 3 slots available for the parade communications on *August 27th @ 4:00 p.m...* Kevin, KC8MTV volunteered his services as well as that of his wife Becky, KC8NQE. Jim, KB8TRL also volunteered. Ed also mentioned how grateful the Festival was for the clubs services.

Charlie, N8KZN mentioned how nice the communication trailer looks. Ed, WD8PGO said that the Festival put a plaque on the side of the trailer showing that it was donated by the club.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John, W8OF stated that it was recommended that the air-conditioner be kept on at the club house to help keep out the moister but that it keeps getting turned off. Charlie, N8KZN stated that he would be bringing a dehumidifier to put in the basement.

John, W8OF, shared that Ray, W8FLX has purchased high speed internet, Road Runner Lite, for the club house for club member use. He stated that it could be used for accessing the clubs HF rig remotely from other club member's homes. He asked what others present thought of this idea. Ray, W8FLX expressed how the club has needed internet access at the club house. He stated that he would donate a radio for remote operator use. Ray also shared how "Leonard Stefanelli, N8AD" in Pennsylvania does this (<http://hfremote.us/1.html>). He stated that he has a remote setup via EchoLink & Skype.

Ray, W8FLX stated that he would be paying for the internet service for a couple of months to see if the club would benefit from it. A conversation starts about specifics on equipment needed to make a remote control station. Charlie, N8KZN suggests that this be continued under new business.

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

Christmas Party is scheduled for *December 13th @ 6:00 p.m.*

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

Charlie, N8KZN stated that he would like to set up a couple of committees this evening. He expressed his concern about needing to get the club house cleaned and possibly getting a computer room set up. Charlie asks for volunteers. There were 4 volunteers:

CLUB HOUSE CLEANING COMMITEE

- John, W8OF
- Paul, KB8CMW
- Greg, KD8SSJ
- Charlie, N8KZN

Charlie also requested a committee to help prepare for the club officer voting in October. He needs people to volunteer for calling club members to take nominations. There were 2 volunteers:

CLUB OFFICER NOMINATIONS COMMITEE

- Kevin, KC8MTV
- Ray, W8FLX

John, W8OF recommended that the club have a committee to head up the remote control internet project that Ray, W8FLX suggested. John suggested that Kevin, KC8MTV head this up if he accepts this, Kevin accepted.

CLUB HOUSE INTERNET COMMITTEE

- Kevin, KC8MTV
- Mike, WN8L
- Jim, KB8TRL
- John, W8OF

Kevin, KC8MTV thanked John, K9ULO for getting him involved with the Christmas 2013 Parade, he also thanked Robert, KC8PSW for letting him participate in the 4th of July Parade. Kevin stated that he had numerous people ask for club information, he stated that he had nothing to pass out. John, W8OF stated that there are club pamphlets already printed. Kevin also asked if there was a parade committee, Ed, W8PGO stated that John, K9ULO organizes it.

Kevin also asked if the club would be interested in having a club Facebook page presence and shared how Facebook can be used to perform real-time updates with pictures, video's and activities i.e. dates and times. There was no interest in having a Facebook presence for the club.

Paul, KB8CMW made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Greg, KD8SSJ. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Kevin Numbers, KC8MTV - Substitute Secretary



New FCC Rules

By Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

The FCC now offers partial credit for expired General, Advanced or Extra Amateur Radio licenses. A license that has expired and gone beyond the two year grace period will be canceled in the FCC system. The licensee will not automatically qualify for a new license. At a minimum, previous license holders must take the current 35-question Technician exam at a VE exam session to return to Amateur Radio. The FCC will issue a new call sign and a new license when the Technician exam is passed. If an applicant held a General or Advanced license, and has proof, the FCC will afford credit for the General (Element 3) written exam only. If an applicant held an Extra license, and has proof, the FCC will afford credit for the General (Element 3) and Extra (Element 4) written exams. At VE exam sessions it is the applicant (not the VEs or coordinating VEC) who is responsible for supplying the evidence of holding valid expired license credit.



Passengers Now Must Be Able to Power Up Some Electronics During TSA Screenings

Airline passengers boarding direct flights to the US from overseas may be asked to power up certain electronic devices being carried aboard, including cell phones. The [announcement](#) did not single out any other electronics. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has directed Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screeners at certain overseas airports with direct flights to the US to "implement enhanced security measures." All electronics typically undergo screening during pre-boarding TSA inspections.

H.R.4969: Cosponsors Needed!

“A bill has been introduced in the US House of Representatives to extend the principle of reasonable accommodation of Amateur Radio antennas to all types of land use regulations. Our challenge now is to find enough cosponsors that the bill will be taken seriously in the remaining days of the 113th Congress.”

This was the quote from David Sumner, K1ZZ, ARRL Chief Executive Officer in the September issue of the QST. He went on to urge all amateur radio operators to contact our representatives and encourage them to cosponsor this bill. David said that this is a bipartisan legislation with both Republican and Democratic cosponsors. If this bill is signed into law, the bill H.R.4969, would require the FCC to extend its PRB-1 policy to private land use restrictions.

We have a few of our members that live in restricted communities and could possibly benefit from this change in the law. If you would like to contact Representative Steve Stivers office, his phone number is 740-654-8654. And should you rather contact him by mail you can use the suggested wording from the article; “Please cosponsor H.R.4969. It’s very important to me as a constituent and an Amateur Radio operator.” His mailing address is: 123 S. Broad St., Lancaster, OH, 43130

You can view this article in the September issue of QST on page 9 or go to www.arrl.org/hr-4969 for more information.



Several members of our club helped out at the Lancaster Festival concert again this year. This picture is from the vantage point above the crowd and the theater.

There were several positions that were serviced by our members; the transportation pickup area and the drop off area for busses, a couple of areas on the grounds for monitoring in case of a need, as well as the command position on the hill close to the emergency squad & EMS staff.



Charlie, N8KZN and Sandy, KD8FTX are ready to man their station at the control center table.

The Lancaster Festival pictures were provided by Kevin, KC8MTV.

Becky, KC8NQE and Ed, WD8PGO getting set for the evening at the command center. The trailer we donated is in the background.

Ohio State Parks On The Air



Ohio State Parks On The Air contest
Saturday, September 6, 2014, from 1600 UTC to 2400 UTC

There are **74** Ohio State Parks
Make a day of it and join us in the **FUN!**
Visit a beautiful Ohio State Park
and have some
Amateur Radio Fun at the same time



Rules? Entry Forms? Log Sheets? Ohio State Park Information?
Check out **all** the details at: www.OSPOTA.org

From our station engineer, John, W8OF

FYI- Several SE Ohio hams have started a net on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 pm on 1.913 MHz, 160 meters. Just wanted to get the word out. There is also a daily 160 meter net at 8 pm on 1.895 MHz ..

Free money to our radio club

Easy no hassle way to donate money to the radio club. Mary, KD8EEI, our club secretary has made a very detailed explanation of how you can help. She also made forms for your convenience. Let's all chip in a little and help.

[There is another attachment for this information]

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<< FOR SALE >>



I have for sale a nice used 'Tempo One' HF transceiver and power supply. It was recently checked out and found to operate to proper specifications. It comes with the original manual w/ schematics and matching power supply. \$200.00 if you pick up from Lancaster, OH.

Contact Ralph, W8BVH. w8bvh@sbcglobal.net

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SG-239 HF Smarttuner made by SGC is for sale for \$125.00. It is used but not abused. It operates off of 12v and will handle up to 200 watts PEP or CW. For further information go to <http://www.sgcworld.com/239ProductPage.html>
Contact Ralph, w8bvh.... w8bvh@sbcglobal.net



- Fldigi is an excellent Amateur Radio multimode program for everything from PSK31 to RTTY and much more: www.w1hkj.com. There is even a 'how-to' for using Puppy Linux or Fldigi at www.w1hkj.com/flpuppy.html.

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. Don't forget to check for Special Events going on. Stay Safe and get on the air.

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