

Photo's courtesy of John, W8OF, Station Engineer

This is our new 147.030 MHz repeater.(The inside stuff) ^



Recent tower work on Waterworks Hill. (The outside stuff) These fellows are up in the air at 160'. They worked from morning to dark moving antennas and re-routing coax. It was like getting a remodel. This should last for quite a while. Hope I'm around to see the next remodel.

The Ragchewer

June 5, 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.

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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June 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

There was a first reading of the application for Chad Benson, KD8VHT. Second reading for the following applications: Jimmy P Amrine, KB8TR.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the May meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. John, W8OF made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Brent, KD8MGR. All were in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 21 members in attendance with two guests Chad, KD8UHT; Jim, KB8TRL.

Brent	KD8MGR	John	W8OF
Charlie	N8KZN	John	KD8EEK
Connie	N8LPC	Kevin	KC8MTV
David	WB9PXH	Mary	KD8EEI
David	KD8IRG	Paul	KB8CMW
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Gary	W8GTS	Robert	KC8PSW
Greg	KD8SSJ	Scott	WD8IXO
Jack	AE8P	Steve	KD8JLA
		Wayne	KD8MGO

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

Ed gave treasurer's report and John, W8OF made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Ralph, W8BVH. All were in favor.

VP Report: Paul Flautt, KB8CMW

No report

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported the antenna work is done.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

No report.

Chairman Educational Committee: Allen Sellers, KB8JLG

No report..

Monday Night Net

Only person available is John, W8AGS. Jimmy Amrine, KB8TRL would be interested in helping with the net. Mary will send a note to John, W8AGS asking if he could go over the procedure with Jimmy.

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

Thanks to those who have sent him information for Ragchewer and hopes people will continue to send items that may be of interest to the membership. Ralph also stated that he gets a Monday news brief from the Hillsboro club and if anyone is interested, please let Ralph know and he will email information to you.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed asked for volunteers to work Friends of the Park Walk on June 28th. Carrie Woody has requested our assistance with communication. Volunteers: Kevin & Becky Numbers, Wayne Larue, Mary Travis. Meet at Rising Park tennis courts by 7:45 a.m.

Ed also asked for volunteers for the Tour de Cause bicycle race on July 12th. Volunteers: Gary & Sandy Snider at Weldon's; Robert Northrup at Pleasantville School; Wayne Larue at Lockville and Kevin Numbers at Amanda.

Ed also mentioned Lancaster Festival and he will need workers for July 19, 23 & 26th. John Fick volunteered to do the mall for both Saturday nights. Charlie Snoke and Gary and Sandy will work this year. Anyone else, please contact Ed.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John, W8OF noted that he had removed the battery from the smoke detector in the basement. We need to get batteries replaced in all smoke detectors.

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

Gary reported that Sandy has called Golden Corral and they still do not have the calendar for Dec but has penciled us in for our December date.

Old Business

Discussion on Field Day. Steve will bring big motorhome from EMA and has hospital trailer available if needed. Set up for field day will be 11 a.m. on Sat., June 28th. Potluck at 6 p.m. and club is furnishing chicken this year. We don't have a Field Day Chairman this year but there will be a Field Day. This will be a club effort so join in and enjoy Ham Radio.

New Business

Mary, KD8EEI made a motion to send \$25 to Alzheimer's Association, Wash., DC in memory of Richard Schleiffer who passed away in May. Seconded by Paul, KB8CMW. All in favor.

Robert, KC8PSW asked if club had purchased any extra t-shirts or hats when we had new logo prepared last year. Anyone who is interested in getting a shirt, hat, etc. can go to Lancaster Sporting Good and purchase them. They have the logo on file, which the club paid to have prepared. Kevin, KC8MTV also mentioned you can have embroidery items done at School Colors.

Steve, KD8JLA stated the county is using a new GIS system where additional towers have been put up in the city to give additional coverage.

Robert, KC8PSW reported that he has talked to Allen, KB8JLG and Robert is willing to take over the VE testing and educational committee from Allen. Robert will get with Allen to have this information transferred to him.

Gary, W8GTS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ralph, W8BVH. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mary Travis, KD8EEI
Secretary



From our station engineer, John, W8OF

✚ Every HAM should read this : >>>

<http://www.kolumbus.fi/oh5iy/back/Ham%20Radio%20Lightning%20Protection.html>

✚ 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]



+++ W1AW/p Tracking Program Updated +++

Tony Luscre, K8ZT has updated his spread sheet program for keeping track of QSOs with the W1AW/p stations as they operate from our 50 states and many US territories. Although we are well along in W1AW's first pass through the list of states, a second pass will make it possible for anyone who has missed a state or two the first time through to catch up and get all 50 states in this ARRL Centennial Year. For that matter, with W1AW operating multi-band on each stop, it should be pretty easy to get multi-band WAS even if one does not start to collect Qs with the station until the second pass-through begins.

The link to the updated spread sheet is:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11J80r85CvVDTJsrCQ63OBkoBy8guwRInFEBUn8i - Yg/edit?usp=sharing>.


Tnx, Tony, for sharing your spreadsheet with us.

In Brief...



Reminder: The ARRL June VHF Contest is June 14-16! The [ARRL June VHF Contest](#) gets underway at 1800 UTC on Saturday, June 14, and continues until 0259 UTC on Monday, June 16. The object for participants in the US and Canada (and their possessions) is to work stations in as many different $2^{\circ} \times 1^{\circ}$ [Maidenhead grid squares](#) as possible, using authorized

frequencies above 50 MHz.

K8CX Dayton 2014 Gallery Has Been Posted: Tom Roscoe, K8CX, has announced that  The K8CX [Dayton 2014 Gallery](#) has been posted on his [Hamgallery](#) website. Roscoe said he's scrapbooked 361 photos from Dayton Hamvention 2014 and nearly 4100 Dayton photos altogether; this is his 18th year of recording Dayton activities. "The site has Dayton photos in The Gallery back to 1971," he said. "If you have any old photos from Dayton, please [send](#) them to K8CX."



The 13 Colonies Special Event Set for July 1-6: The [13 Colonies](#) Special Event for 2014 will take place July 1-6, with special 1x1 calls K2A, K2B, K2C, K2D, K2E, K2F, K2G, K2H, K2I, K2J, K2K, K2L, and K2M to be active. The theme for 2014 will be "Revolutionary War Era Colonial Currency." Stations working at least one state will be eligible for a certificate. A "Clean Sweep" sticker will be added for those lucky enough to contact all 13 colonies. A special endorsement will be attached for stations contacting sister operation WM3PEN, in Philadelphia. In 2013 more than 81,000 contacts were logged in the 13 Colonies Special Event.

- ❖ **Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles policy change.** According to the Alliance ARC newsletter, the Ohio BMV now requires anyone renewing their ham radio auto license plates to present their FCC issued ham license in order for the plates to be renewed. So if you go to a BMV office to personally renew your plates, be sure to take your license with you. Or there will be another trip!

Speaking of Field Day, did you know the first Field Day was in 1933? The winning station had 62 QSOs!

Dayton Hamvention Info

I received an e-mail from John, WA8KIW, from the Highland Amateur Radio Association over at Hillsboro. He was asked about attendance for comparative purposes and he gave us this information:

Here is some info to digest:

2007 19,318
2008 17,250
2009 18,877
2010 19,750
2011 22,312
2012 24,483
2013 24,542
2014 24,873

Very interesting.....Thanks John.



<< FOR SALE >>

I have the following programmable scanners for sale:

Radio Shack Pro-2051 1000 channel triple trucking, Motorola, LTR, analog, Edacs and conventional scanner. \$45.00

Radio Shack Pro-2050 truck tracker 800 MHz programmable scanner. \$35.00

Realistic Pro-2025 16 channel mobile scanner. \$30.00

Seller: John, W8OF

Contact: w8of@columbus.rr.com or phone 740-653-3514



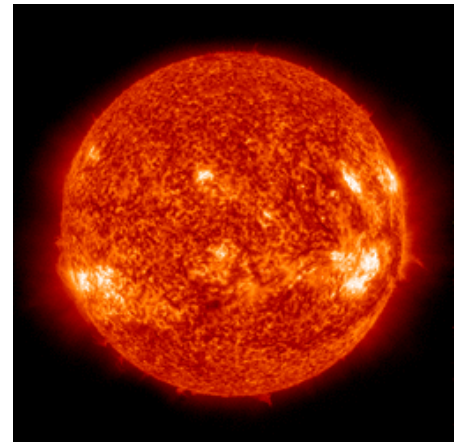
The K7RA Solar Update

Tad Cook, K7RA, in Seattle, reports: Last week's decline in solar activity was short lived. The current week saw average daily sunspot numbers more than double, rising from 60.1 to 144.3, and average daily solar flux rise from 104.1 to 146.4.

Predicted values are also up. The latest has solar flux at 175, 170, 165 and 155 for June 12-15, 145 for June 16-18, 130 for June 19-20, then down to a low of 110 for June 24-25, then peaking at 165 on July 8. The outlook for [ARRL Field Day](#) weekend has brightened, with solar flux at 115 for June 27-28, and 120 on Sunday, June 29.

Predicted planetary A index is 8, 18, 20, 10 and 8 for June 12-16, 5 on June 17, 8 for June 18-19, 5 for June 20-24, 8 for June 25-26, 5 for June 27 through July 5, 15 on July 6, 5 for July 7-9, and 8 on July 10.

This weekly "Solar Update" in *The ARRL Letter* is a preview of the "Propagation Bulletin" issued each Friday. The [latest bulletin and an archive](#) of past propagation bulletins is on the ARRL website.



A big thank you goes to Steve, KD8JLA, our unofficial '*Fire Safety Officer*', for taking care of our fire extinguishers. Keeping them up to date, certified and filled is important to the safety of all that use the club house and to our responsibility to the County for their willingness to let us use it.

The next time you hear him on the radio or see him, give him a big thank you.

There is a new club 'Education Officer' in town. Robert, KC8PSW, has taken over the reigns as the local VE from Allen Sellers, KB8JLG. Allen has been our VE for a lot of years and there are many hams that can be thankful to his tireless efforts to see that the testing and education programs ran smoothly, Allen had very good support group of Hams and a lot of useful classes. Best wishes Robert on your new responsibility. We appreciate your willingness to help.

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 dry and safe.....Looks a lot like mowing season.

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