



*October 2, 2014*





*The monthly newsletter of the Lancaster & Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club*

**Club Meetings :**

1<sup>st</sup> 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 has been suspended until we get someone to volunteer to open the clubhouse on Thursday evenings.

**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](mailto:northrup@columbus.rr.com) for information or to schedule your test. Please review testing requirements at [www.k8qik.org](http://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](mailto:Webmaster@K8QIK.ORG) or Ragchewer Editor at [ragchewer@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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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Charlie Snoke, N8KZN

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**Station Engineer:**

John Hilliard, W8OF

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# October 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

No applications to review.

## Officer Reports

### **Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI**

Minutes of the September meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. John, K9ULO made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Dave, WB9PXH. All were in favor.

**Roll call taken tonight:** 20 members in attendance with two guests Tom Rockhold, N0OGS; Karl, N2AFV

Brent	KD8MGR	John	KD8EEK
Charlie	N8KZN	John	K9ULO
Connie	N8LPC	John	W8OF
David	WB9PXH	Mary	KD8EEI
David	KD8MOY	Paul	KB8CMW
Dennis	KB8WR	Ray	W8FLX
Ed	WD8PGO	Ray	KD8WHY
Gary	W8GTS	Robert	KC8PSW
George	KB8USP	Scott	WD8IXO
Greg	KD8SSJ	Wayne	KD8MGO
Jack	AE8P		

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

Ed gave treasurer's report and Ray, W8FLX made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Paul, KB8CMW. All were in favor.

### **VP Report: Paul Flautt, KB8CMW**

Paul reported that he had contacted Bob, K8TQK and discussed his presentation. Paul was told that it would cover all the subjects and it was one hour in length. After discussion by members it was decided that there is not enough interest at this time. Paul will call and advise him. Paul will also ask him to let us know if he is going to be doing the presentation within close proximity to Lancaster and we will advise members if this happens.

### **Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF**

John reported that he and Jim Amrime had met with the Thurston Village Council and they responded favorably to putting together an agreement with the club and/or ARES to attach and install a receiver site (146.70) on their water tower, which would not take place until next spring. After much discussion it was agreed that the club would like to take on this project. John advised it would cost between \$200 to \$800. It was agreed if they give us an agreement, we will sign and decide how far we want to go with this project.

John also reported that Ray, W8FLX had the internet installed and he paid for the service. John also received two donated PC's with windows 7 from Fairfield Medical Center. John asked for donations of additional components to use with the PC's. Paul, KD8CMW stated he had 2 keyboards, Brent, KD8MGR has mouse and Dave, KD8MOY has flat screen monitor they will donate.

John stated he could use a laptop with windows 98, with serial port. John stated the laptop can be used in place of the telephone in programming the repeater at Waterworks hill. Paul, KD8CMW stated he had a laptop to donate.

John explained that if we get the internet set up with the laptop, we could do away with the telephone service we have at the clubhouse and also the phone service we have at waterworks hill. The two phones are approximately \$75 per month and the internet is \$21 per month. We would have approx. \$50 month savings. Anyone wishing to use the auto patch can use the 146.70 which has telephone line connected. After much discussion, Charlie asked for show of hands who wanted to discontinue the phone services after John has the laptop with internet service up and running. All were in favor.

Ray, W8FLX made a motion that the club would reimburse him for internet expenses and the club will take over the internet. Brent, KD8MGR seconded. All were in favor.

## Committee Reports

### **Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske**

John has updated the website with the latest membership information we have. John also asked that members use the website for checking out upcoming events, etc. John also asked for members to advise him of any events coming up in 2015 because they are working on the 2015 calendar.

### **Chairman Educational Committee: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW**

Robert reported at the last VE testing session one person passed his Technician test. The next testing session will be October 16th at 6 p.m.

### **Monday Night Net**

Oct 6th	Robert Northrup, KC8PSW
Oct. 13th	John Dolske, K9ULO
Oct 20th	open
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup>	John Lawson, W8AGS
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	open

### **Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH**

No report.

### **Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO**

Ed reported there will be an ARES meeting on Oct. 21st at EMA building at 7 p.m. Anyone interested please come.

Ed reported that John, K9ULO will be conducting (GET, READY, SAT) on 146.70 which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to participate please have your radio tuned to 146.70 and wait for instructions.

### **Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO**

No report.

### **Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF**

John reported that the weather radio on 147.03 repeater needs some repairs. The repairs will cost between \$40 and \$50. Charlie asked for show of hands and everyone was in favor of getting the weather radio repaired.

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

Christmas Party will be held Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Golden Corral. Member and one guest. Donation will be taken up for gratuity.

**Old Business:** None

## **New Business:**

Volunteers for vehicles for November parade are: Robert, KC8PSW; John, K9ULO; and Kevin, KC8MTV. They will get together and utilize 2 vehicles. Volunteers for workers are: Charlie, N8KZN; Connie, N8LPC; Gary, W8GTS; Sandy, KD8FTX; George, KB8USP; David, WD8PXH and Wayne, KD8MGO .

Mary thanked Robert, KC8PSW for making contact with Lancaster Sporting Goods regarding placing another order for hats and shirts. Since Robert was traveling, Mary was able to send out an email and we received 13 orders for shirts and some hats.

Gary, W8GTS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jack, AE8P. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Mary Travis, KD8EEI, 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!**

U.S. House Bill - HR 4969 is still working its way around Congress. Have you written to your Congressman yet? Many have. Let's keep this campaign going strong. If you haven't written your letter yet, there are a lot of good ideas on how to compose it on the Leagues website. Just follow the HR-4969 link on their front page. It will take you to all the latest information and letter suggestions.

## 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. I just wanted to get the word out. There is also a daily 160 meter net at 8 pm on 1.895 MHz ..

*As of 10/6/2014, and after almost 40 years of service, the auto-patch on the 147.030 repeater has been permanently disabled. I have asked Ed WD8PGO to cancel the phone service at the repeater site and at our clubhouse as per the October meeting where it was decided and voted on by the club members that due to everyone carrying a cell phone and the ever increasing cost of the service, it was decided and voted that the funds saved would support the newly installed Internet service at the clubhouse provided by Time Warner.*

*Please note that the auto-patch is still operational on the 146.70 ARES repeater and is available to any club member. FMC furnishes the repeater located at the facility a free phone line for our use.*

John, W8OF



## 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]**



## >> The Ohio Section Journal <<

Please take note that we now have the Ohio Section Journal in a format where we can include pictures, graphs and all kinds of neat items that you won't see in the text version. Please, I want to encourage ALL of you to go to [http://arrl-ohio.org/sm/Section\\_News.html](http://arrl-ohio.org/sm/Section_News.html) to get this more enriched version of the OSJ..

Scott D Yonally, N8SY

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## Anatomy of an Internet Scam at QRZ

**I got this website address in one of my e-mails . It is a factual, as far as I can determine, story of someone trying to bilk older hams out of their money. It is well worth the time to read and digest. It's a real shame that things like this go on all the time. We can only get the word out to the elderly of what is going on in an effort to protect them. It is also worth noting that the Lancaster Police Dept.in conjunction with the Ohio Attorney General's office have a task force that is set up to identify, capture and prosecute those that would steal from the elderly. They also have hand-out information that you can receive. Below is the web site for the story of a thief that was foiled. <http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?447305-Anatomy-of-an-Internet-Scam-at-QRZ>**

Ralph, W8BVH

# << FOR SALE >>



## Kenwood TS811-A 430MHz Transceiver

This is a very clean and nice operating 430 MHz *multi-mode* transceiver. Full power and easy to use. Power supply built in. Comes with a 'ManualMan' manual, with schematics, and a Kenwood dynamic hand mic. **\$400.00**  
Contact Ralph, W8BVH. [w8bvh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:w8bvh@sbcglobal.net)



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## MY ACCIDENT

Hi Gang,

I'm writing this little note about my tower accident so that anyone else attempting to file a similar accident claim will know ahead of time how to properly fill out the accident forms for their insurance company.

I had decided to do a little work on my tower since I haven't done anything to it for more than ten years now and wouldn't you know it, I had an accident. Of course my insurance company requires me to write up an accident claim that basically describes in full detail just what I didn't do right. After writing it up and sending it in they wrote back wanting more explanation of just how clumsy I was.. So.. with my humility in check, I wrote them back describing in full detail just what I did that I now wish I hadn't.

"I am writing in response to your request for additional information for block number 3 of the accident reporting form. I put 'poor planning' as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully and I trust the following detail will be sufficient.

I am an amateur radio operator and on the day of the accident, I was working alone on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now un-needed tools and material down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which was fortunately attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and material into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 300 pounds of tools - You will note in block number 11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh only 155 pounds-. Due to my surprise of being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope.

Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope in spite of my pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block number 11. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, and the lacerations of my legs and lower body.

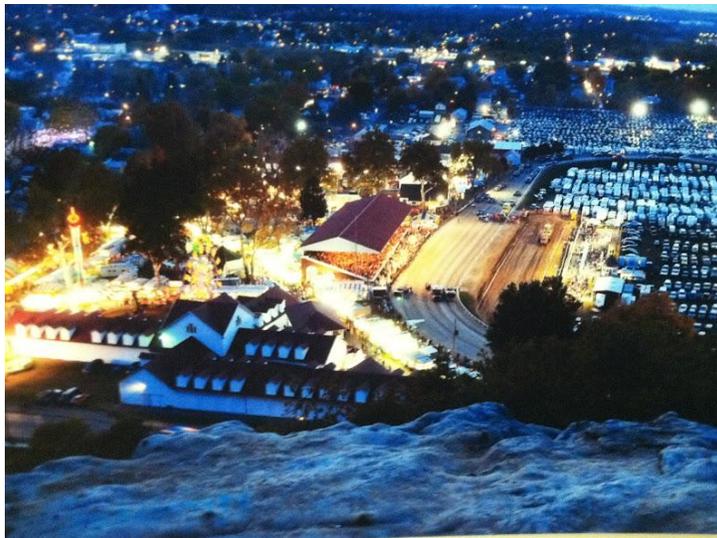
The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools and, fortunately, only three vertebrae were cracked.

I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind. I let go of the rope..."

Hope you enjoyed this.. Scott D Yonally, N8SY :-)

(A little humor with a moral to the story.)

*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. We could use your services with the Monday night net. Don't forget to check for Special Events going on. Stay Safe and get on the air. So until we meet again 73.*



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