



Rendering of One World Trade. (Courtesy Durst Organization)
Some antenna don't you think?? Now is the time to get your antenna work done before winter.....

September 4, 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 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 morthrup@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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September 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

There was a second reading of application for Karl Forrest Wilson, N2AFV.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the August meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. John, K9ULO made a motion to accept the minutes with correction on Mike call sign should read WN8C and deletion of statement last paragraph under Chairman Education Committee. Motion seconded by Gary, W8GTS. All were in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 21 members in attendance with two guests Tom Rockhold, N0OGS; Karl, N2AFV

Chad	KD8UHT	Kevin	KC8MTV
Charlie	N8KZN	Mary	KD8EEI
Connie	N8LPC	Patrick	AC8RO
David	WB9PXH	Mike	WN8C
David	KD8IRG	Paul	KB8CMW
Ed	WD8PGO	Ray	W8FLX
Gary	W8GTS	Ray	KD8WHY
Jack	AE8P	Robert	KC8PSW
John	W8OF	Sandy	KD8FTX
John	K9ULO	Scott	WD8IXO
		Wayne	KD8MGO

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

Ed gave treasurer's report and Paul, KD8CMW made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Ray, W8FLX. All were in favor.

VP Report: Paul Flautt, KB8CMW

Paul reported that Mark Urbine had been contacted by Bob, K8TQK and asked if the club would be interested in any of the presentations he would be willing to speak about. Paul will contact him and see what his availability might be for November and if he could maybe do a half hour instead of an hour presentation. Paul will report back at the October meeting.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

Updates have been completed to the calendar and membership listing. John has been in contact with Allen Sellers who is planning on doing the October 4, 2014 Tailgate Fest from 8 to noon. There are a few updates with information for Robert, KC8PSW on educational information that will be added.

Chairman Educational Committee: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

August one candidate to test failed to show. The next testing session will be September 18th at 6 p.m.

Monday Night Net

Sept .9	John Lawson, W8AGS
Sept. 15 th	John Dolske, K9ULO
Sept. 22 nd	Robert Northrup, KC8PSW
Sept. 29 th	John Dolske, K9ULO

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report. However, Kevin, KC8MTV reported that when he made calls to members asking for nominations, he received several kudos on the excellent job Ralph is doing with Ragchewer. Keep up the wonderful work, Ralph.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed thanked the workers for Sweet Corn Festival and read thank you letters.

Ed also reported there will be an ARES meeting on Sept. 16th at EMA building at 7 p.m. Anyone interested please come.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

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

Sandy asked for money for Christmas party. Ray, W8FLX made a motion to give the Activities Committee \$250 for Christmas party, seconded by John, K9ULO. All were in favor.

Christmas Party will be held Dec. 13th at 6 p.m. at Golden Corral for Members and one guest. Donation will be taken up for gratuity.

Old Business:

Charlie reported that the cleaning committee had not had a chance to meet. Charlie also reported that the dehumidifier is working in basement and he has connected a hose so it will run continuously. This should help with the dampness in the basement area.

Kevin, KC8MTV reported for Internet Committee that the wireless router has been installed and the WiFi is up and working. It was also mentioned that we need a donation of computer capable of running Windows 7 or later which could be used for internet services. Ray, W8FLX asked about reimbursement of installation and monthly fee for internet with Time Warner. It was decided not to take a vote because we have no history of how much it will be utilized and the bill has not been received.

Jimmy, KB8TRL has contacted the Town of Thurston and has verbal approval to put up an emergency antenna on their 75 foot water tower. The official town meeting will be held in September and a vote will be taken at that time. Jimmy and John, W8OF will attend the meeting to answer any questions they may have. They will report back next month.

New Business:

Charlie asked for a vote on Karl Wilson, N2AFV. All were in favor. There was some discussion about the criminal statement on the application and if we were validating the information on application. Ed, W8PGO stated the website no longer allows him to do any checking.

Ed will check with Sheriff Phalen's office to see what the cost would be for a background check if we needed one for anyone wanting a key to the clubhouse.

Kevin, KC8MTS suggested that we all need to have the same apparel that states our purpose when working civil events. There was a lot of discussion and the color of the vests needs to change to be the approved color. We will look into this and discuss at next meeting since our next event is in November.

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, Connie, Gary and Sandy.

John, K9ULO provided information from a conversation he had with David Fey, Fairfield County Parks regarding the Miller building and the possibility of the Radio Club moving to the building if all county offices were consolidated into one building at some future date.

Gary, W8GTS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ray, W8FLX. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 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!

“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.



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 ..



Congratulations go to Frank Piper, KI8GW (our immediate past ARRL Section Manager) was the recipient of the Allan Severson Memorial Award. Jackie Piper also received the Section Manager’s “Special Appreciation” award..

73,

Scott Yonally, N8SY - Section Manager n8sy@arrl.org



SPECIAL NOTICE

The club is looking for a donation of computer capable of running Windows 7 or later which could be used for internet services. If you are able to do this contact Ralph at the Ragchewer and he will get you in touch with the right people.

*******Also the club’s tailgate swapmeet will be October 4, 2014 8:00 until noon.**

Contact Allen Sellers, KB8JLG with questions.

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]



~~~ Battery Topic ~~~

The radio club's recent announcement of availability of large capacity, sealed lead-acid (SLA) batteries, gave me the incentive to find information on charging equipment. I bought several of these batteries in the past and neglected to maintain their charge... with the result that they were ruined.

On the internet there is plenty of information; a PDF file circuit-diagram of a simple charger that can be left connected indefinitely without harm (shdesigns.org/gcellchg.html) and a YOUTUBE video of the same device posted by WV2YAU. There are comments about using Harbor Freight auto battery maintainer device (about \$10) but this has mixed information. The literature with the unit says it is not suitable for SLA batteries but users report success with no harm for several years in lawn mower and boating applications.

Regards, Allen Sellers, KB8JLG



<< 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

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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.



Remember us !

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