

The Ragchewer



Happy Valentines Day

February 5, 2015





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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February 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes

At 7:30 p.m., Rob, KD8DXC called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were two applications for first review, David G Hudelson, W8HUD and Adam Cook, KE8AFP. Second review of Darren F Moyer, KD8TON's application was read.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the January meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. John, W8OF made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by John, K9ULO. All were in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 19 members in attendance with **three** guests, David Hudelson, W8HUD; Adam Cook, KE8AFP and Dean Cook.

Brent	KD8MGR	Jim	KD8TRL
Charlie	N8KZN	John	K9ULO
Dave	WB9PXH	John	W8OF
Dave	KB8MOY	Mary	KD8EEI
David	KD8IRG	Paul	KB8CMW
Dennis	KB8WR	Ray	KD8WHY
Gary	W8GTS	Rob	KD8DXC
George	KB8USP	Robert	KC8PSW
Greg	KD8SSJ	Wayne	KD8MGO
Jack	AE8P		

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

George, KB8USP gave treasurer's report and Charlie, N8KZN made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Paul, KB8CMW. All were in favor. John, W8OF asked if the IRS 990 was going to be completed on time with Ed away. George stated Ed would be back in time to send information to accounting firm to file the IRS 990 form.

VP Report: Paul Flautt, KB8CMW

No report.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that he did the Fldigi training at the ARES meeting and he has copies of the frequencies charts for anyone who wants this information.

John also reported that he is working on UHF repeater and found out it is 100 watt intermittent. He needs to install muffin fans – 125 volt to keep it cool. Ray, KD8WHY made a motion for John to spend up to \$100 for 2 fans if needed. Motion seconded by Greg, KD8SSJ. All were in favor.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

John, K9ULO nothing new to report.

Chairman Educational Committee: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Robert reported 12 tests were administered in January (8 for tech (2 retests) with 5 passing and 1 did not pass; 4 for general with none passing.) Next testing session will be February 19th at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Monday Night Net

2/9/15 Robert Northrup, KC8PSW
2/16/15 John Lawson, W8AGS
2/23/15 John Dolske, K9ULO
3/2/15 Robert Northrup, KC8PSW
(Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC will be backup.)

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

George thanked John for doing the training. George also reported there will not be an ARES meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 17th at EMA at 6:30 p.m. John, W8OF will do additional training on Fldigi messenger and how to send message to Red Cross, EMA, etc.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

No report.

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

No report.

Old Business:

Keys to building for officers was delayed until next month since we do not know the current status of the Miller Building. We will have Steve, KD8JLA get a report from the County.

New Business:

Ray, KD8WHY stated he is willing to do food for Thurs, Feb. 12th for radio night if there is enough interest. Rob asked for a show of hands and there were about 8 people who were interested. Mary will send a separate email asking for members to let Ray know if they plan on attending radio night so Ray has a good head count for food.

Charlie mentioned that we have been asked to help with MS Walk on April 11th. We will need about seven people to do this event.

Rob asked for a show of hands of those approving Darren Moyer, KD8TON as a new member. All were in favor. Mary will send him an email notifying of the approval and George will have membership card at next meeting.

Greg, KD8SSJ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ray, KD8WHY. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary



Full January ARRL Board Minutes are available for your review at:

<http://www.arrl.org/board-meetings>

AMSAT-NA 2015 Space Symposium and Annual Meeting Set for October in Dayton:

The 2015 AMSAT Space Symposium and Annual Meeting will take place October 16-18, at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Dayton, Ohio. The Space Symposium will include presentations on amateur satellite operating techniques and news from the amateur satellite world. The AMSAT-NA Board of Directors will convene, and the meeting will be open to AMSAT members. [Additional information](#) will be announced as it becomes available. -- *Thanks to AMSAT News Service*



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 are responsible for supplying the evidence of holding valid expired license credit.



02/15/2015 | [Mansfield Mid-Winter Hamfest](#)

Location: Mansfield, OH
Sponsor: InterCity Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.W8WE.org>

03/15/2015 | [TMRA's Hamfest and Computer Fair](#)

Location: Perrysburg, OH
Sponsor: Toledo Mobile Radio Association
Website: <http://www.tmrahamradio.org>

03/28/2015 | [MOVARC HamFest](#)

Location: Gallipolis, OH
Sponsor: Mid-Ohio Valley ARC

Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/midohiovalleyarc/>

04/04/2015 | [Portsmouth Radio Club Hamfest](#)

Location: Portsmouth, OH
Sponsor: Portsmouth Radio Club
Website: <http://portsmouthradioclub.org>

04/26/2015 | [Athens Hamfest](#)

Location: Athens, OH
Sponsor: Athens County Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://ac-ara.org/>

05/15/2015 | [Dayton Hamvention](#)

Location: Trotwood, OH
Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association
Website: <http://www.hamvention.org>

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If you need assistance setting this up, please contact Mary, KD8EEI, at 740 687-1985. We thank you for your support.



*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. Look at your club's web site often for up to date info; www.k8qik.org. Stay Safe and get on the air. Wishing all a happy **Valentines Day** !!!*

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