

The Ragchewer



CQ DX... CQ DX... CQ DX, Wishing all of you a Happy New Year
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2015

January 8, 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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January 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

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

There was one application for first review, Darren F Moyer, KD8TON

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the December meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. John, W8AGS made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by John, K9ULO. All were in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 22 members in attendance with one guest, Dave Hudelson, W8HUD.

Adam	KD8VHS	John	W8AGS
Brent	KD8MGR	John	W8OF
Dave	WB9PXH	Mary	KD8EEI
Dave	KB8MOY	Patrick	AC8RO
David	KD8IRG	Paul	KB8CMW
Dennis	KB8WR	Paul	KD8DDD
George	KB8USP	Ray	KD8WHY
Greg	KD8SSJ	Rob	KD8DXC
Jack	AE8P	Robert	KC8PSW
Jim	KD8TRL	Steve	KD8JLA
John	K9ULO	Scott	WD8IXO

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

George, KB8USP gave treasurer's report and Dave, KD8MOY made a motion to accept the report, seconded by John, K9ULO. All were in favor.

VP Report: Paul Flautt, KB8CMW

No report.

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John thanked Dave, KD8MOY for donating a hard case laptop serial port computer for club usage. This will assist John in making changes to the repeaters.

John also reported that he had filed our 3 repeaters with the Ohio Area Repeater Council.

John stated that there has been a problem today with interference with the repeater.

Brent, KD8MGR made a motion to require a 71.9 PL tone on the 147.03 repeater and this will also apply to the backup 147.03 repeater. Seconded by Paul, KB8CMW. There was discussion and then the vote was taken and all were in favor.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

John, K9ULO stated he is working on getting the new 2015 calendar up to date. Also anyone who has pictures of events or club antennas please send to John via email for putting on website.

Chairman Educational Committee: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Robert reported 14 people tested since he took over last May. 5 technicians, 3 generals, and 5 extras with one not passing the technician. Next testing session will be January 15th at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Monday Night Net

1/12/15 John Dolske, K9ULO
1/19/15 Robert Northrup, KC8PSW
1/26/15 John Lawson, W8AGS
2/2/15 Brent Ludwick, KD8MGR
Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC will be backup.

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report but Rob thanked Ralph for doing a great job.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

George reported there will be an ARES meeting on January 20, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the EMA office. John, W8OF will be doing training on Fldigi (anyone who is interested in this training may attend). You do not have to be an ARES member to attend this meeting and take advantage of John's training.

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:

Mary reported that the July 2014 Kroger check was reissued and received by George and it has been deposited in our account.

New Business:

Mary reminded everyone of the amazon smile program and to please ask friends and relatives or anyone who orders from Amazon to sign up for the club to receive rewards program.

John, K9ULO made a plea to members to participate in Field Day being held June 27 and 28th. The field day committee puts a great deal of time in setting up a number of stations in order to operate all bands using voice and CW. We need operators for all stations and particularly CW operators. If you do not want to operate, you can assist by entering data into the computers, etc. We will hold this year's field day on site behind the clubhouse in the blacktop area. If you can assist with setup, etc., please get in touch with John, K9ULO and offer to help with this year's field day.

Paul, KB8CMW asked why officers of the club did not have keys to the clubhouse. A discussion followed and a motion was made by Brent, KD8MGR that we start enforcing Constitution Article IX, #7 which states the Trustee will be in charge of keys to the clubhouse and the Trustee will keep a list of those who have keys to the clubhouse and authorize keys to those deemed necessary other than officers. Motion seconded by Adam, KD8VHS. There was a lot of discussion and then vote was taken and all were in favor.

Paul, KD8CMW made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brent, KD8MGR. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mary Travis, KD8EEI,
Secretary

I was just informed there is no food this Thursday due to illness at the Snoke house. Take notice and send them a card.

OZZIE IS 100! Ozzie Johnson, KA8UGI, observed his 100th birthday on Saturday, January 10, with a party in his honor at the Heartland of Hillsboro. He is a life member of the *Highland Amateur Radio Association* and until recently attended meetings and club activities. Following the HARA monthly brunch on Saturday, he was visited by several members and others attended his party. Ozzie is perhaps the oldest amateur in Southern Ohio. Cards may be sent to Oswald Johnson, 700 East Main Street, Condo #30. Hillsboro, Oh 45133.



Nelsonville Hamfest Update--The Ohio Section Manager, Scott, N8SY, and the new Assistant Section Manager for Southeastern Ohio, Lyn, N8IMW, will be in attendance at the Nelsonville show in addition to Ohio Affiliated Clubs Manager, John, KD8MQ. District 8 Emergency Coordinator, Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reminds those wishing to upgrade tickets or get their first one, there will be a VE session starting at 10 AM with registration beginning at 9:30. This is a change from past years. The hamfest starts at 8 AM and ends at 2. It is at the Tri-County Career Center. The admission is \$6. It is sponsored by the *Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation*.

01/18/2015 | S.C.A.R.F Hamfest

Location: Nelsonville, OH

Sponsor: Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation

Website: <http://www.scarfarc.com>



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.

An easy no hassle way to donate money to LFCARC if you order items online with Amazon.com. Attached is a pdf with the instructions of how to sign up for this program. Amazon will donate 0.5% if eligible purchases to participating 501c3 organizations. You must spell out Lancaster & Fairfield County Amateur Radio Club (cannot use abbreviation). See the attached PDF file that is sent with this newsletter.

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



Hamvention Chair: "The Show Will Go on" at Aging Hara Arena

Despite financial struggles dogging the owners of [Hara Arena](#), site of the [Dayton Hamvention](#)® since the 1960s, the 2015 Hamvention General Chairman Jim Tiderman, N8IDS, has told ARRL that he expects the world's largest Amateur Radio show to continue there -- this May and in the years ahead. Tiderman was reacting to recent media accounts detailing the fiscal woes of the aging Hara complex in Trotwood, Ohio. He said Hamvention's sponsoring Dayton Amateur Radio Association ([DARA](#)) and Hamvention officials have been in conversation with Hara's owners, the Wampler family, regarding the future of the 165,000 square foot, six-building complex.



Hara Arena, the home of Dayton Hamvention. [Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, photo]

"Both Hamvention and DARA have absolute confidence in [the Wampler family's] guiding their corporation through the steps in the plans in place to keep Hara operating for years to come," Tiderman said. "Given the time frame they are working with right now, we simply stand by them and repeat, 'the show *will* go on.'" Last year, Dayton Hamvention attracted nearly 25,000 visitors.

Dayton TV station WDTN-TV [reported](#) last month that the 50-year-old Hara Arena was facing financial problems and had cut back on its full-time staff to save money. Karen Wampler, Hara's Director of Marketing, has told the media that it's become difficult for Hara Arena to compete with other Miami Valley venues, such as the Nutter Center at Wright State University and the downtown Dayton Convention Center. The Hara complex needs money for renovations and deferred maintenance, she

said, and "the ownership model needs to be changed." Wampler [told](#) the *Dayton Daily News* in December that while the family cares about the facility, it is limited in what it can afford.

Dayton Hamvention takes place May 15-17. Read [more](#).



A note from John, W8OF, our station engineer;;;;;;01/14/2014

- The 147.030 repeater is now using the **71.90 MHz** tone. You will need to have it active in your radio before you can access the repeater. Any questions you can contact John, W8OF.

Happy New Year Everyone!

And, it was a Happy Old Year as well. 2014 brought the 100th Anniversary of the ARRL and along with it THE outstanding operating event of the past century. Now the individual logs are uploading to Logbook of the World and scores will all be recalculated for the Centennial QSO Party. Remember, the log deadline is January 15 at 2359 Z.

We experienced a change in the guard at the Division level in July as long time Director, Jim Weaver, K8JE retired and Vice Director Dale Williams assumed that role. Tom Delaney W8WTD moved up to fill Dale's unexpired term. Tom was then elected to the Vice Director position in the fall election cycle.

2014 also saw the Ohio PRB-1 Law standing its own ground and winning an appeal at the 6th Appellate District Court. The town of Swanton once again loses its case.

In Ohio, Section Manager Frank Piper retired and Scott Yonally N8SY became the new SM. A new Affiliated Clubs Coordinator, Sandy Mackey, N8YS and a new Official Observer Coordinator, John Perone, W8RXX stepped in as well. Complimenting these changes was a course change in the Ohio ARES program with the appointment of a new Section Emergency Coordinator, Stan Broadway N8BHL

Ohio got to cheer as one of its own, Jay Slough, K4ZLE was the winner of the April QST® Cover Plaque award for his article "A 10 Meter Moxon Antenna."

Now as we move into 2015, Vice Director Delaney and I prepare for the Annual ARRL Board meeting in mid January. Our visits to club meetings and conversations with many of you at hamfests around the Division have provided us with suggestions for consideration at committee meetings and the Board itself. It is always a pleasure to hear from you with your thoughts and ideas to improve all that we do in Amateur Radio.

To all: Thanks for your contribution to ARRL and ham radio during 2014. Now let us go on and make this New Year even better and strive to show the great works of ham radio to the world.

73,
Dale Williams WA8EFK
Director
Great Lakes Division

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. Hope to see all of you at the next Club meeting which will be 02/05/2014 @ 7:30pm



Congratulations to the OSU Buckeye's on their National Championship win.....

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