



'Main Gate' Attendance for Hamvention® 2014 was 24,873! See you in 2015!

The Ragchewer

May 7, 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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May 7, 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 Bart Welter, KE8BAF and Everett Dart, KE8AMA and two applications for second review Jeffrey Payne, KD8AEM and Paul Kidwell, KE8ATT.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Mary Travis, KD8EEI

Minutes of the April meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Robert, KC8PSW made a motion to accept the minutes seconded by Greg, KD8SSJ. All were in fav

Roll call taken tonight: 29 members in attendance with **five** guests Jeffrey, KE8AME; Paul, KE8ATT; Everett, KE8AMA; Bart, KE8BAF; Landon Kidwell and Jim Carroll.

Aaron	KE8AFL	John	W80F
Brent	KD8MGR	Mark	KD8IMT
Carolyn	KE8AFM	Mary	KD8EEI
Charlie	N8KZN	Mike	WN8C
Connie	N8LPC	Ray	KD8WHY
Dave	WB9PXH	Ray	W8FLX
David	KD8IRG	Rita	K1VXN
David	KB8DRQ	Rob	KD8DXC
Dennis	KB8WR	Robert	KC8PSW
Ed	WD8PGO	Rod	K1RQS
Gary	W8GTS	Rod	KE8AMC
Greg	KD8SSJ	Scott	WD8IXO
Jack	AE8P	Steve	KD8JLA
Jim	KD8TRL	Wayne	KD8MGO
John	KD8EEK		

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

Ed gave the treasurer's report and Ray, KD8WHY made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Gary, W8GTS. All were in fav

VP Report: Paul Flautt, KB8CMW

No report - absent

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W80F

John reported the new controller was installed and working properly.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9UL0) & Carol Dolske

No report - absent.

Chairman Educational Committee: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Robert reported 4 tests were administered in April (2 for Tech and 2 for General with all passing). Next testing session will be May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Monday Night Net

5/11/15 John Lawson, W8AGS
5/18/15 Robert Northrup, KC8PSW
5/25/15 John Hilliard, W80F
6/1/15 Rob Ruffner, KD8DXC

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

No report- absent

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PG0

Ed reported there will be an ARES meeting on Tuesday, May 19th at 7 p.m. at EMA office. A group of Boys Scouts will be there and George Lambert has agreed to speak with them and answer their questions regarding ham radio. Any new members who might be interested in being part of the ARES group should attend this meeting. There is no fee to join this group.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IX0

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W80F

No report.

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

Connie reported that the club will furnish meat for Field Day. Everyone attending will be asked to bring a dish to pass.

Old Business:

No old business.

An emergency came up for Rob and he had to leave the meeting and Mary, KD8EEI took over the balance of the meeting.

New Business:

Mary asked for a show of hands of those approving Jeffrey A Payne, KE8AME for membership. All were in fa

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Charlie reported there will be no food on Thursday, May 14th for radio night due to Dayton Hamfest.

Gary, W8GTS brought up the fact that the two antennas were down and the radios cannot be used upstairs. Charlie stated he will try to get out and get the antennas back up. Discussion continued about having a work station downstairs. John, W80F explained that he had spent many hours getting

antennas up so there would be a working station in the meeting room downstairs; however, when people take items out to set up for field day, the equipment never gets hooked back up. John also explained that any member who wants to take the initiative and get the two computers set up that are on the table as well as getting the workstation set up again, they were welcome. John cannot spend 8 hours a day trying to keep equipment hooked up. John needs membership help in keeping this equipment up and running.

Ray, W8FLX made a motion that we should cancel Field Day, seconded by Mark, KD8IMT. There was a lot of discussion and Mary explained that there was a motion last month that we would have field day. Mary asked for show of hands in favor and there was one and the rest were opposed so motion does not pass.

Robert, KC8PSW made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Gary, W8GTS. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Mary Travis, KD8EEI, Secretary



Whistler Recalls Jump & Go Portable Jumpstart and Power Supply Units Due to Fire Hazard: The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) [has announced](#) that Whistler is recalling its "Jump&Go" Portable Jumpstart and Power Supply units, due to a potential fire hazard. Some

ARES/RACES participants use these units as a handy, portable 12 V source. The recall involves more than 10,000 of the pocket-sized devices, manufactured in China. According to the CPSC, the unit's lithium battery can overheat, causing it to melt and catch fire. The recall involves 12 V Jump&Go Portable Jumpstart and Power Supply units with model numbers starting with WJS-3000.

Recalled units have date codes in YYYY/WW format from 201404 through 201439. Read [more](#). –
Thanks to Mike Morris, WA6ILQ (posted in the May issue of QST)



An easy no hassle way to donate money to LFCARC if you order items online with Amazon.com. Go to www.K8QIK.org and you will find the instructions of how to sign up for this program at the bottom of the front page. 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).



FROM the VINTAGE RADIO REFLECTOR

This is a general announcement to remind those interested that the W6SFM Samuel F Morse Amateur Radio Club will be holding its Semi Annual Bug Roundup <http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html> event NEXT SATURDAY!, May 16th starting from 1400 UTC through Sunday 1400 UTC. This 24-hour event is not a contest; rather it is a time dedicated to celebrating our CW and Bug key heritage. Participants are encouraged to get on the air and simply make enjoyable, conversational CW QSOs using a Bug style key as the sending instrument. For more information including Rules and where to optionally send your logs, or other event related pictures and emails after the event, please visit our Bug Roundup web page located at:

http://www.w6sfm.com/Bug_Roundup.html Be sure to mark this event on your calendar, we hope to hear you on the air this coming Saturday! 73

W6SFM



Greetings everyone; welcome to "Dale's Tales" for May 2015.

The ARRL 2015 Great Lakes Division Convention is set for August 1 in Columbus. The Voice of Aladdin Amateur Radio Club will serve as hosts this year. We are in the process of completing the list of forums and presenters at this time, so please feel free to check the Division Web pages at <http://arrl-greatlakes.org/> for updates as the details and plans are finalized. Tentative forums include DX, NVIS, Digital Voice, ARES, HF Sound Card Modes, OSSBN/NTS, plus a couple of (pending) surprises.

73 see you on the bands.

Dale Williams WA8EFK

Director, Great Lakes Division



05/15/2015 | [Dayton Hamvention](http://www.hamvention.org)

Location: Trotwood, OH

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.hamvention.org>

2015 ARRL FIELD DAY

HAM **RADIO**)))

The complete 2015 [ARRL Field Day](#) packet is online, and there are no rule changes for 2015. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs are expected to gather with their clubs, in groups, or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2015 is June 27-28.



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"THEY SAY YOU HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING THAN OF WINNING THE LOTTERY...I GUESS THEY'RE RIGHT!"



I would highly recommend reading this treatise on soldering by Dr. Gerald N. John:

www.geraldj.networkiowa.com/soldering.html

It "should" prove to be enlightening.

WANTED

ELECTRET DESK MICROPHONE FOR A YAESU FT-100 RADIO

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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 on 147.03 (tone 71.9MHz). 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. "HAM RADIO IS A CONTACT SPORT"

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