



The Ragchewer



July 3, 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 is every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (except the first Thursday which is the club monthly meeting). Work a little HF, maybe build something? How about a hot cup of coffee. We'll have them all waiting for you.

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) 323-1909 or email him at northrup@columbus.rr.com for information or to schedule your test.

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

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July 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

We had the second reading of application for Chad Benson, KD8UHT. Chad was not in attendance due to family activities this evening. Chad was voted in and will become a member once his membership fee is received.

Charlie, N8KZN, passes around a card to have signed for Club Secretary, Mary Travis, KD8EEI, who had knee surgery on Monday.

Officer Reports

Secretary Report: Kevin, KC8MTV for Mary, KD8EEI (who is recovering from knee surgery).

Minutes of the June meeting were posted in the Ragchewer. Ralph, W8BVH made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by John, W8AGS. All in favor.

Roll call taken tonight: 27 members in attendance with no guests in attendance.

Adam	KD8VHS	John	W8OF
Brent	KD8MGR	Kevin	KC8MTV
Charlie	N8KZN	Mark	KD8IMT
Connie	N8LPC	Mark	KC8TUW
Dave	WB9PXH	Pat	KD8TXI
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Jim	KB8TRL	Sandy	KD8FTX
John	KD8EEK	Steve	KD8JLA
John	W8AGS		

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 of accepting the report.

VP Report: Paul Flautt, KB8CMW

No report

Trustee Report: John Hilliard, W8OF

John reported that we had a good Field Day. Charlie, N8KZN also thanked Steve, KD8JLA for the Helicopter visit & getting the Fire Extinguishers taken care of.

Committee Reports

Webmaster: John (K9ULO) & Carol Dolske

No report. (John was feeling under the weather and was not in attendance at the meeting)

Chairman Educational Committee: Robert Northrup, KC8PSW

Robert, KC8PSW stated that a young man took his General Class test today and passed it, he also stated that last Thursday two gentlemen passed their Extra Class exam. Robert also stated that he would like to have more than 'one' individual scheduled ahead of time for "testing registration" due to planning and contacting other VE's. He stated that if there is anyone wanting to schedule a testing session, that they should e-mail him, rnorthrup@columbus.rr.com or call his cell phone @ 614-323-1901. He encouraged those in attendance that if they want to upgrade their license, to get hold of him and he will work out a time and date for the testing session. As far as the education portion of his new position (Chairman Educational Committee) he stated that if there was anybody that really wanted schooled on basic electronics that he may be able to assist with that, he stated that he taught at Eastland Career Center for 10 years in the Electrical Trades Department. The question was asked: "How much do you charge for testing" and Robert stated that the test fee is \$15. Ray, W8FLX asked Robert, KC8PSW if he could tell the people taking tests about the club. Ray shared how people take the tests but don't get involved with the club. Robert stated that he would be passing on information to those taking the tests.

Paul, KB8CMW asked Robert if he could set up a test date & time now. It was decided that the *next test date will be July 17th @ 6:00 p.m.* Brent, KD8MGR suggested that the test date & time be given to some of the clubs in Columbus and see if they could put out an announcement on their repeaters.

Monday Night Net

John, W8AGS stated that he would not be able to do the net for the month of July and would not be available until Monday, August 4th. If something happens that his plans change towards the end of August, John said that he would contact Mary, KD8EEI. Charlie, N8KZN stated that he really appreciated the time that John, W8AGS has spent doing the Monday Night Net. Charlie also asked for volunteers for the net for July 7, 14, 21 & 28th.

The following individual's volunteered as July's Monday Night Net Control:

July 7th – Paul, KB8CMW (stated he could run the net only but not the Newline feed)

July 14th – Brent, KD8MGR (stated he could run the net only but not the Newline feed)

July 21st – Adam, KD8VHS (stated he could run the net only but not the Newline feed)

July 28th – After a long pause, John, W8AGS stated that he might be available if no one else was available, Charlie, N8KZN asked John if he wasn't available, if he could call someone else to fill in on July 28th.

Ragchewer: Ralph Howes, W8BVH

Ralph thanked Kevin, KC8MTV, Mark, KC8TUV & Steve, KD8JLA for all of the pictures from Field Day. Kevin has video of the helicopter landing that he would like to have John, K9ULO put up on the club web page. Mark, KC8TUV stated that he had video of the tower raising as well. He also thanked John, W8OF for the tower work pictures from last month. Ralph asked that pictures and other information keep coming in for the Ragchewer, that what makes it successful is people sending him things to put into the Ragchewer.

Emergency Coordinator: Ed Campbell, WD8PGO

Ed has a volunteer line-up for the Tour de Cause bicycle race on July 12th.

Ed, WD8PGO	Wayne, KD8MGO
Charlie, N8KZN	Paul, KD8CMW
Robert, KC8PSW	Kevin, KC8MTV
Mark Campbell	Becky, KC8NQE
Gary, W8GTS	John, KD8EEK
Sandy, KD8FTX	

Ed also thanked those that participated in Field Day.

Safety: Scott Snoke, WD8IXO

No report.

Station Engineer: John Hilliard, W8OF

John, W8OF stated that he installed new speakers in the Radio Go-Packs that were used for Field Day. Comments were made how much better those radios sounded and thanked John for the donation.

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

Sandy thanked everybody that participated in Field Day, she also said that she was still waiting for Golden Corral to respond about the Christmas get together.

Old Business:

Charlie, N8KZN discussed the July 4th Parade assignments, he confirmed that Kevin, KC8MTV & Robert, KC8PSW would be driving in the parade.

New Business:

Charlie, N8KZN stated that there would be food on Thursday, July 10th for Radio Night @ 6:00 p.m.

Ray, W8FLX thanked Steve, KD8JLA for the batteries from the hospital. Ray stated that while he was picking up the batteries that he saw old computers that were being scrapped out (thrown-out) and he stated that the club should ask for these old computers and fix them up and donate them to kids that are coming into the radio hobby. Steve, KD8JLA stated that he would have to ask, but didn't see a problem with it. John, W8OF stated that we should have somebody head this up. Also, set up a room with benches and lights where the computers could be worked on. Charlie, N8KZN suggested that we should have a Club House clean-up day. The computer donation suggestion is being put on-hold until the Club house can accommodate the room necessary for this new project.

John, KD8EEK asked a question about how things are handled with people using the repeater that have bad operating habits. Charlie, N8KZN stated that John, W8OF takes care of it. John, W8OF stated that he takes care of situations like that when he hears it.

Kevin, KC8MTV shared information from Mary, KD8EEI in reference to the clubs laptop that was purchased with money from the Fairfield Foundation. The laptop is in need of a new battery. A quote was sent and presented to the club from TCR Personal Computers in Lancaster. A discussion began on the necessity of a laptop that is plugged in and not used on battery power. A motion was made to purchase a battery not in excess of \$48 by Ray, W8FLX. The motion was seconded by Frosty, W8AEY. The majority voted to accept the motion.

Ray, KD8WHY made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ralph, W8BVH. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Kevin Numbers, KC8MTV
Substitute Secretary



THE ORIGIN OF 73

(Via Louise Ramsey Moreau, W3WRE, & Charles A. Wimer, KC8EHA)

The traditional expression "73" goes right back to the beginning of the landline telegraph days. It is found in some of the earliest editions of the numerical codes, each with a different definition, but each with the same idea in mind - it indicated that the end, or signature, was coming up. But there are no data to prove that any of these were used.

The first authentic use of 73 is in the publication "The National Telegraphic Review and Operators' Guide", first published in April 1857. At that time, 73 meant "My love to you"! Succeeding issues of this publication continued to use this definition of the term. Curiously enough, some of the other numerals used then had the same definition as they have now, but within a short time, the use of 73 began to change.

In the National Telegraph Convention, the numeral was changed from the Valentine-type sentiment to a vague sign of fraternalism. Here, 73 was a greeting, a friendly "word" between operators and it was so used on all wires.

In 1859, the Western Union Company set up the standard "92 Code." A list of numerals from one to 92 was compiled to indicate a series of prepared phrases for use by the operators on the wires. Here, in the 92 Code, 73 changes from a fraternal sign to a very flowery "accept my compliments", which was in keeping with the florid language of that era.

Over the years from 1859 to 1900, the many manuals of telegraphy show variations of this meaning. Dodge's "The Telegraph Instructor" shows it merely as "compliments." The Twentieth Century Manual of Railways and Commercial Telegraphy defines it two ways, one listing as "my compliments to you"; but in the glossary of abbreviations it is merely "compliments". Theodore A. Edison's Telegraphy Self-Taught shows a return of "accept my compliments". By 1908, however, a later edition of the Dodge Manual gives us today's definition of "best regards" with a backward look at the older meaning in another part of the work where it also lists it as "compliments".

"Best regards" has remained ever since as the "put-it-down-in-black-and-white" meaning of 73 but it has acquired overtones of much warmer meaning. Today, amateurs use it more in the manner that James Reid had intended that it be used - a "friendly word between operators".

I hope that this helps you in some way.... (note: 73 is not plural)

73,

Charles A. Wimer

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*Resource: Origin of Ham Stuff ***Fact, Legends and Myths!*** on the 'QSL' website.*



**** FIELD DAY 2014 ***

Well the 2014 Field Day is in the history books. There was a fair turnout for setup and more operators than radio stations for a while. We were able to work as 4A (4 stations operating under emergency power). I'm not going to identify all that participated because I'll surely forget to mention someone. I'll leave some space in this issue for more pictures. A couple of special mentions are in order however, a tip of the hat and a very big THANK YOU goes to Steve, KD8JLA. Steve was instrumental in getting the use of the EMA motor home as well as FMC's portable trailer. John, K9ULO brought his operating station, fly tent and travel trailer. Ray, W8FLX made a home brew verticle that he used for his CW operation. Prior to all of this operating, Sandy, KD8FTX and Connie, N8LPC (Activities Co-Managers) with the help of our club members, were able to provide a very nice picnic dinner. Even with the rain that slipped in, we all had a nice time. Thank you ladies.

On another note, most of you know that Steve, KD8JLA is active with all types of emergency departments in Fairfield County. Steve was able to have the 'Air Evac Lifeteam' fly over to our club house grounds and make a landing. All that were present were able to get up close and personal with the flight crew and very nice view of the inside of this portable ambulance. Due to the upcoming storm they had to cut their visit short but invited those interested in more info to come visit them behind the new Pleasant Township Fire Dept.

Well that's about all that I have to say so I'll leave the following space for as many pictures as I can. Hope you enjoy them. They were provided by Kevin, KC8MTV; Steve, KD8JLA; Mark, KC8TUW.



Over view of our Field Day setup



Steve, KD8JLA supervising



They must be taking a break





Ready for the heat



Nice Landing



Isaac, KD8SYM



Flight Crew: [Pilot-Terry Renner; Nurse- Scott Long; Medic- Mike White] and our members.



ARRL, FEMA to Sign Memorandum of Agreement at National Centennial Convention

The ARRL and the Federal Emergency Management Agency ([FEMA](#)) will sign a *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)* at the [ARRL National Centennial Convention](#), taking place July 17-19 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford. ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, will join FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate, KK4INZ, on Friday, July 18, at 4:15 PM, in signing the *MOA*, which is aimed at fostering greater cooperation between the League and FEMA in the area of disaster communication and support. Fugate will speak at the Centennial Banquet later that evening, and more than 850 are expected to attend.



Grassroots Campaign Underway to Promote Co-Sponsorship of "Amateur Radio Parity Act"

A grassroots effort is underway to encourage radio amateurs to promote co-sponsorship of [HR.4969](#), the Amateur Radio Parity Act. The measure, introduced in the US House with bipartisan support on June 25, calls on the FCC to apply the "reasonable accommodation" three-part test of the [PRB-1](#) federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions regarding antennas. The bill's primary sponsor is Rep [Adam Kinzinger](#) (R-IL), and it has initial co-sponsorship from Rep [Joe Courtney](#) (D-CT). With Congress going on its August recess in a few weeks, the campaign is focusing on contacting Members of Congress or their staffers at or through their district offices during the break. Getting additional lawmakers to sign on as HR.4969 co-sponsors is considered essential to the bill's success.



ARRL Great Lakes Division Leadership Changes

The leadership of the ARRL [Great Lakes Division](#) has changed. Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, announced his retirement from the ARRL Board of Directors, effective on July 7. Vice Director [Dale Williams](#), WA8EFK, of Dundee, Michigan, has succeeded him as Director. The Great Lakes Division is made up of Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky.

ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, appointed W. Thomas "Tom" Delaney, W8WTD, of Cincinnati, Ohio, to fill the resulting Vice Director vacancy. Both Williams and Delaney will attend the ARRL National Centennial Convention and the July ARRL Board of Directors' meeting following the convention in Hartford, Connecticut.



ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Dale Williams, WA8EFK



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.



Notice of VE Testing

Robert Northrup would like to extend to the club, scheduled VE Testing sessions starting July 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the club house. As of this notice, there are 2 members scheduled for this time.

If you would like to be tested for a license upgrade, please call Robert Northrup- KC8PSW at 614-323-1901 or email him at northrup@columbus.rr.com. He plans to have a scheduled testing session once per month. If you have a conflict with the scheduled session, he will try to accommodate you as best he can. Use Ham Test Online, [QRZ.net](#) and ARRL materials to prepare yourself for a successful testing session.

To make sure we will have the required VE Testing volunteers available, please notify Robert as to your intentions. Testing fee this year is \$15. You will need to bring a copy of your current license and a photo ID (drivers license - OK).

Do not reply to this email. Contact Robert at 614-323-1901 or email him at rnorthrup@columbus.rr.com.

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]



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



From Allen, KB8JLG

Two people recently took exams... One (a club member) passed both the General and Extra. The other was a fifteen year old from Circleville who passed the Extra. He has taken Tech, General and Extra at the club house each of the last three years in the week before Field Day.

Regards, Allen, KB8JLG

<< FOR SALE >>



I have for sale a nice used 'Tempo One' HF transceiver and power supply. It was recently checked out and found to operate to proper specifications. It comes with the original manual w/ schematics and matching power supply. \$200.00 if you pick up from Lancaster, OH. Contact Ralph, W8BVH. w8bvh@sbcglobal.net

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. Don't forget to check for Special Events going on. Stay Safe and get on the air.

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